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Special Town Meeting on Saturday, special election on Tuesday

Voters to decide fate of possible new elementary school

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Two upcoming important events next week in Wilmington will set the course for Wilmington's elementary schools for the next 15 years.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, residents who come out to the Wilmington High School beginning at 9 a.m. will vote on two warrant articles. The first article requires a simple majority vote, and its passing will allow the hearing of a report from the Wildwood School Building Committee. This presentation was also given by Town Manager Eric Slagle at the Sept. 2 Finance Committee meeting. At that meeting, the Finance Committee recommended approval of both articles.

The second article proposes to see whether the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended for the construction, equipping, and furnishing of the new Wilmington Elementary School.

The article states that the school will be built at 320 Salem St., also referred to as the site of the current North Intermediate School. This article requires a two-thirds majority to pass at Town Meeting. Only those present at Town Meeting will be able to vote, although there will be several rooms in the high school from where residents may be voting.

Slagle stated in his report on Sept. 2 that the proposed new elementary school would replace three of the town's current six elementary schools which were all built in the 1950s and 1960s, covering pre-kindergarten through grade five students on the north side of town.

The town originally submitted statements of interest for all six schools to the Massachusetts School Building Authority, the state program into which Wilmington was selected for the Wildwood School in 2021.

The Wildwood School Building Committee mainly chose the pre-kindergarten through grade five option at the North site due to desires to eliminate transitions at the younger level, create a modern

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▲ From left, starting in front: Amaya Dorcey, Jeannette Norton, Brian Norton, Jennifer Jordan, Yvonne Farnsworth, Janice Jordan, Jacob Marcos, Kia Dorcey, Doug Farnsworth, Jamie Marcos, (far back) Stephen Dorcey, and Bruno Marcos. (Courtesy photo)

Wilmington's Norton celebrates 100th birthday

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025, longtime Wilmington resident Jeanette Louise Norton celebrated her 100th birthday.

Norton was born in Waltham on Sept. 2, 1925, and was one of five children in her family.

She married her childhood sweetheart, Melvin Norton, in 1947, and then the happy couple moved to Wilmington in 1953 to raise their own family.

Although Norton held several different jobs throughout her life, including working at Grover Cronin Department Store, Caldor, LSE, and Precision Products, her main focus was making a loving home for her husband, who served in WWII and retired after 30 years of service in the U.S. Army as a Lt. Colonel, and raising her five children, Rick, Gary, Janice, Ken, and Brian.

Besides caring for her family, Norton has been a social and active mem-

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Board approves licenses and uses of town spaces

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Select Board reviewed and approved several requests for licenses and the use of town spaces at their Sept. 8 meeting.

The first item that night was a request for a one-day alcohol license for Decanted Wine Truck. The applicant, Peter Walderzak, explained that Decanted Wine Truck requested the license in order to serve beer and wine for an event hosted by the Wilmington Memorial Library.

Library Director Natalie Hardy added that the library began an author series earlier this year where a large-scale event takes place offsite, inviting over 275 guests to the community room in the new senior center. The event was scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 25.

Chair Frank West asked if they would serve anything else. Hardy answered that there would be other free light refreshments and snacks, and the only cost for attendees is whatever they order for alcoholic beverages.

Walderzak went on to say that the event would be no more than three hours long and they would use one of their four wine carts for the event. This would be staffed by two bartenders who are tip-certified and safe-certified.

West wondered about any police detail who would be present at the event. Hardy replied that they had not considered requesting a police detail.

Select Board member Gary DePalma suggested that the board not approve the request without an understanding of the police situation.

Town Manager Eric Slagle clarified that a one-day alcohol license does not require a police detail, and the police chief in his recommendation could suggest it if necessary. The board could also condition their approval upon hiring a police detail if so inclined.

Jacob Gearwar also pointed out that the police chief recommended approval of the license. He stated that he was not concerned about the lack of police detail and wanted to move the request forward.

Lilia Maselli asked what author would be featured at the event, and Hardy shared that the author event would feature Sy Montgomery, who she said lives in New Hampshire and writes about animals

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Select Board approves regulatory agreement

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Monday, Sept. 8, the Select Board approved the signing of a regulatory agreement, discussed the proposed revival of the cable access task force, and received multiple public comments.

Attorney Robert Peterson Jr. returned before the board seeking authorization for the chair to sign the regulatory agreement for 100 West St. He described that the project was originally slated as a traditional 40B development, and he'd come before the board in the past for their endorsement of Local Initiative Program funding.

Now, he sought the board's authorization for the regulatory agreement after the project went before the Zoning Board of Appeals in April and June with insubstantial changes and modifications which had been approved.

Town Manager Eric Slagle highlighted that the project had 132 rental units which would be added to the town's count of affordable housing units as soon as the building permit was issued. The town would receive $325,000 toward traffic mitigation at the time of issuance for the intersection of West Street and Lowell Street.

He also said that there would be local preference for the first lease, and that the agreement had been reviewed by the state and by the town counsel KP|Law. Lastly, he confirmed that there were no significant changes to the project.

Peterson reported that they would be submitting the designs later in the week and then they could submit the building permit and provide the funds at issuance.

Greg Young of Garden Homes Development also shared that they hoped to break ground by the end of the year. He provided that they entered into a memorandum of understanding with the town to increase the traffic mitigation to ensure state funding for the intersection with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Select Board member Gary DePalma welcomed them to Wilmington, and Lilia Maselli said she looked forward to the shovels breaking ground.

The board voted in favor of authorizing the chair to sign the regulatory agreement for 100 West St.

They next discussed

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Norton longtime member of Mishawum Choral Society

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ber of her community.

Raised in the Methodist Church, Norton was a longtime member of the Mishawum Choral Society of Woburn and participated in many concerts held throughout the years within the community.

Norton was also a regular participant with her Wilmington neighbors and friends as a member of a bowling team and played in weekly social card games.

Many wonderful family memories were made every summer in New London, NH, where Jeanette and Melvin owned a summer home.

Time spent in the mountain and lake region of New Hampshire included many family cookouts and family get-togethers.

Norton also enjoyed traveling the globe with her husband, and the couple shared many happy memories together until his passing in 2015.

Holiday times were always made extra special in the Norton household, as Norton cooked many of her favorite recipes, including her famous Marshmallow Pudding, which is a particular favorite of Norton's eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Today, Norton still stays active with friends and family, keeping in touch on Facebook, by phone, and visiting regularly with the many members of her beloved family.

Although she enjoys keeping herself busy by reading books and doing crossword puzzles, Norton makes sure to still take time to enjoy the beauty and tranquility of a sunny afternoon in her own backyard.

To celebrate Norton's birthday milestone, family members and friends gathered with her at Stelios Restaurant, which once was a longtime Wilmington establishment, but in recent years has opened in Billerica.

Norton was surprised at the amount in attendance of her celebration, as many of her close friends, siblings and other family members have already passed, but she was happy and enthused to spend the day with the many family members, friends and neighbors who attended.

Plenty of tears, laughs and smiles were shared by all in attendance at Jeanette's birthday celebration.

Norton's son, Brian, said of his mother's milestone, "We feel so blessed to still have her with us for so many years and pray for many more."

When asked about having a long and happy life, Norton said, "My secret to longevity is eating fairly healthy, staying active over the years, keeping a positive outlook on life, traveling, and having things I enjoy doing."

But most importantly, she added, "Having a family that loves me and is always there for me."

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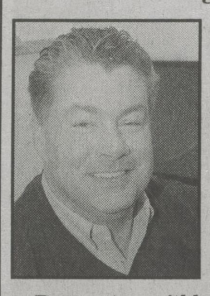
by Todd Brisbois



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Proper tax withholding now is key to avoiding surprises when taxpayers file next year. Making any needed adjustments early means taxpayers won't have to make a big change later in the year to catch up.

The IRS Tax Withholding Estimator is a free online tool that helps workers, independent contractors and retirees determine if they have the right amount of federal income tax withheld from their paychecks. Using it can prevent taxpayers from having an unexpectedly large tax bill or a substantial refund when they file in 2026.

Taxes are pay-as-you-go, which means taxpayers need to pay their tax as they receive their income. They do this through withholding. For employees, "withholding" refers to the federal income tax portion of each paycheck that an employer takes out for tax purposes. It can also mean the amount from earnings self-employed people and others voluntarily set aside to pay their estimated taxes.

After using the Tax Withholding Estimator, taxpayers can determine if they need to submit an updated Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Certificate, to their employer or adjust the amount they voluntarily set aside for tax purposes.

By adjusting tax withholding, taxpayers can:

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Board asked to increase tax rebate for seniors who volunteer in town

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who should be on the Cable TV Advisory Task Force in preparation for negotiations with Verizon and Comcast, as the town was notified of contracts expiring in 2027 and 2028. Slagle said that four previous members have been town staff, and they would invite those in the same positions to be part of the task force.

Then, there was one remaining resident whose desire they would ascertain whether to remain on the task force, and they could seek further resident interest if not. The board seemed to agree with this approach.

Jacob Gearwar asked what the role and responsibilities of the task force are. Slagle answered that municipalities are authorized to engage in contract negotiation with the town's cable providers as these contracts provide for PEG access funding up to five percent of the total subscriber payments to each cable company.

The only communication the board received that night was a letter from Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich regarding the expanded environmental notification form for 800 Salem St. Slagle recalled a desire to have Gingrich in to a meeting to explain the conditions and traffic mitigations for the project. West confirmed that he wanted to see this take place.

Kevin Caira stated his desire for the project to include sidewalks, and he mentioned that he had also discussed this with Gingrich who explained that a sidewalk on the same side of the street as Shea Concrete would have to start and stop due to regulations.

Slagle also told the board that the Planning Board approved this project via special permit.

They voted to ratify the town manager's appointment of resident Sean Keleher to the Commission on Disabilities. They approved the signing of an access and drainage easement and agreement for 7 Cross St., which Slagle said that Town Engineer Paul Alunni endorsed.

The board also authorized the town manager to sign a land damage agreement for the Mass DOT Project 608051 — Route 38 Corridor Improvement Project.

During public comment, resident Mark Dixon asked that the board increase the maximum amount for seniors to receive in tax rebate through volunteerism to the town, and Slagle said there were related proposals in the works.

Elizabeth Berube brought up a concern that the new school involves filling in protected wetlands on and surrounding her property on Salem Street. Suzanne Sullivan shared a similar sentiment asking that the board ensure that residents are protected in this regard.

The board members announced that Police Chief Joe Desmond retired and new Chief Brian Pupa had been sworn in. They also invited residents to attend the new elementary school votes on Sept. 13 and Sept. 16.

Chair Frank West delivered the Salute to Service in honor of the victims and families of victims who were affected by tragic events of 9/11, with the anniversary just days away.

The board's next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

Outdated Schools, Rising Costs: Time to Build for the Future

Wilmington's elementary schools no longer meet today's student needs

- Classrooms undersized
- Lack safety and accessibility
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- Wildwood: CLOSED
- Woburn Street: 63 years old
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Join the Ipswich River Community Chorus

Ipswich River Community Chorus is an 89-member chorus based in North Reading. Their members hail from 29 towns across the North Shore and Merrimack Valley. They're kicking off their fall season with an open rehearsal for interested singers on Monday, Sept. 15 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 235 Park St., North Reading. Meet the chorus, check out the repertoire for their Christmas performance and rehearse with them. They welcome adults and teens (14+) and take all parts — especially tenors and basses! All other rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

(Courtesy photo)

Wilmington Fall Fest returns Saturday, Sept. 27

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington community is excited to welcome back the Wilmington Fall Fest on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025 (rain date: Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025). This beloved family-friendly event, located at the town common, offers an action-packed day of entertainment, food, and community spirit — while supporting local causes. The fest runs from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Event highlights include:

- Food trucks, artisans, and over 100 vendors and food booths
- Inflatable park and a trackless train
- Touch-a-truck vehicles and petting zoo
- Face painting and community booths
- Community breakfast and a 5K road race
- Live music, raffles, and a 50/50 raffle
- Beer and Cider Garden presented by Tavern in the Square

Community Breakfast:

Join Wilmington newest business, The Hearth, for a $6 French Toast breakfast to kick off Fall Fest. Tickets for the breakfast are sold separately at the Fourth of July HQ beginning on Sept. 20.

Admission:

- $6 at the gate
- $5 when purchased in advance online at *wilmingtoncelebrates.com*
- Required for all children and adults

Parking:

- Free parking is available at St. Thomas of Villanova Church, located at 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington
- Additional satellite parking is provided at the Wilmington Senior Center, located at 130 Main St., Wilmington, with a free shuttle bus transporting attendees directly to the event venue.

Fundraising beneficiaries:

All proceeds benefit the annual Wilmington "Fun on the Fourth" celebration and support the Special Olympics Unified Game Day.

More info & tickets:

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Book Stew Review

'Ruth Run' by Elizabeth Kaufman

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

I truly enjoyed this suspenseful story of a hacker, which (for once) actually explained details of the inner workings of the crime pulled off in laywoman's terms.

Ruth, hired out of college, becomes intrigued by the inner workings of computer hardware and learns enough to detect a flaw in a chip that enables her to do some skimming from banks. However, she learns too late that the eyes of government can always be upon you, and ends up fleeing from Mike, an agent who has been following her for years and believes that they are meant for each other.

The alternating PoVs work very effectively. In escaping, Ruth encounters a truck driver from a Nevada religious cult who's fleeing his own sins. There had better be a sequel!

Healey-Driscoll Administration awards money to NMCOG

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration today announced $911,000 in grants to support clean energy initiatives across Massachusetts including $56,500 to the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments.

This funding, administered by the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) through the Regional Energy Planning Assistance (REPA) program, will allow eleven regional planning agencies to provide essential technical assistance to 143 cities and towns to plan and implement clean energy projects.

"When we invest in local clean energy projects, we help our communities lower energy bills and reduce pollution," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "This program gives cities and towns the tools they need to plan and act. That means cleaner air, lower costs, and stronger neighborhoods across Massachusetts."

"This funding provides valuable support to under-resourced municipalities, and catalyzes regional projects," said DOER Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony. "We're proud to help our cities and towns build the knowledge and expertise they need to plan and complete clean energy projects. These projects boost local economies, lower energy costs and create healthier, more resilient communities."

This funding is designed to help communities achieve Green Communities Program designation and assist current Green Communities with the management and expansion of their clean energy efforts. Local clean energy projects cut energy use and save taxpayer dollars by reducing the cost of local government. The grants will also enable municipalities to collaborate on regional clean energy projects and improve emissions reduction planning.

An important part of the program is training for local energy managers and volunteer committees. By enhancing local expertise, communities will be better equipped to propose and review energy projects tailored to their needs.

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2	$105,850
3	$119,100
4	$132,300
5	$142,900
6	$153,500

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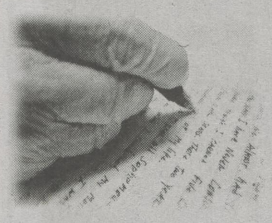

Letters to the editor

Cocoanut Grove Memorial to be unveiled in May 2026

Dear friends,

We have a change with the dedication of the Cocoanut Grove Memorial, it will now be in May, 2026.

Despite our best efforts in raising some $725,000 towards the Memorial thus far, we were faced with an unexpected cost for the excavation site work at Statler Park, which has put us $128,000 short of funds to fully complete the project.

Our design team has purchased the granite bricks, engraved and polished the 490 names of the victims of the fire. Work has also been started with the stainless steel frame and the glass wall; however, we need to raise the additional funds for the Memorial to be completed.

We will be submitting applications for grant resources and from corporations and would welcome any financial support you can donate.

We regret the delay, and appreciate your understanding and support.

It's been 83 years since the Cocoanut Grove Fire, and this Memorial is something we can all be proud of. We are very close to accomplishing this worthy tribute to the 490 victims, as well as the survivors, first responders. brave citizens and medical professionals.

As we have in years passed we plan to hold a Vigil on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2025, at 3 p.m. at Piedmont Street in the Bay Village Neighborhood and welcome you to join us.

We know this is disappointing news, but the dedication in May will bring better weather and allow everyone to view the Memorial and find family members, who will now be preserved in Boston's history.

Paul Miller and the members of the Cocoanut Grove Memorial Committee thank you for your friendship and input to this worthy endeavor. We're inches from the goal line, and together, we can we can achieve this goal.

Sincerely yours,
Mike Hanlon

Governor unveils plan to cut environmental regulations to fast-track housing development

MEDFORD — Governor Maura Healey announced a nation-leading plan to cut environmental regulations to make it faster and easier to build homes in Massachusetts and bring down housing costs for all residents. These new draft regulations will speed up environmental review times from 1 year or more down to 30 days for housing projects across the state. It will be a game changer for permitting times and costs to build housing in Massachusetts.

Earlier this year, the Unlocking Housing Production Commission (UHPC) presented a report indicating that lengthy environmental reviews for new housing developments can delay projects for months and years and can result in significant, unexpected added costs which have the potential to render projects financially infeasible.

Amid a longstanding statewide housing shortage that has forced homebuyers and renters to pay higher prices for fewer options, the Healey-Driscoll Administration is proposing to cut the environmental review period for qualifying housing projects down to 30 days, potentially lowering the cost of housing development by hundreds of thousands of dollars and leading to faster, more affordable housing development.

"We are bringing urgency to addressing this housing crisis, and this is a game changer for the development of more housing in Massachusetts and bringing down housing costs for everyone," said Governor Maura Healey. "It's our job to make sure government moves at the speed of business, and cutting these regulations will reduce review times from more than a year to 30 days and supercharge the building of homes across Massachusetts."

"Getting housing built can take too much time and too many resources. These proposed reforms will make the review process more straightforward and reduce the kind of delays that drive up costs," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "By creating more certainty and cutting down on unnecessary steps, we can get homes under construction faster."

"After months of analysis and cross-agency collaboration, we are teaming up across state government to speed up housing production," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "These changes will move critical housing projects from plans to reality much faster and will actually help us ensure that we're incentivizing the kinds of housing we need the most — dense, energy efficient, and resilient buildings — while upholding our high environmental standards."

"Massachusetts has a housing shortage that's driving up costs. That's why this administration is working across government to make it easier and more affordable to build," said Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Ed Augustus. "Today's proposals would reaffirm vital environmental protections while building more homes faster. This means more options for renters and homebuyers and greater affordability for residents across the state."

"We don't have to choose between building the housing we desperately need and protecting the forests, farmlands, wetlands, and biodiversity that makes Massachusetts one of the best places to live in the country," said Climate Chief Melissa Hoffer. "This plan will deliver more units, faster, and smarter, with long term energy cost savings for homeowners and renters."

Governor Healey has made increasing housing production and lowering costs a top priority of her administration. Since taking office, nearly 100,000 new homes have been built or are in development. She passed the state's most ambitious housing legislation in history, eliminated forced renter-paid broker's fees, put hundreds of acres of vacant state-owned land out to bid for housing, launched an office to housing conversion program and tax incentive, and increased housing development tax credits to create thousands of homes in Gateway Cities.

Streamlining Review

Projects that meet the qualifying housing criteria will be able to move quickly through review by the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office. Rather than requiring developments of a detailed Environmental Impact Report (EIR), the proposed rules will allow qualifying housing projects to complete MEPA review with only the simpler Environmental Notification Form (ENF). This change will allow qualifying projects to cut the review process down from 1 year or more to just 30 days. Requirements for advance notice and community outreach will be maintained to ensure transparency and engagement, as supported by the UHPC.

Additionally, an appeal of a local wetlands order would no longer trigger MEPA review for single-family homes. Review of urban renewal plans that do not propose individual projects will also be reduced to a 30-day ENF filing.

Overall, these draft regulations go beyond recent changes to environmental review processes in other states by allowing developers to qualify for quicker approvals while still addressing critical climate and environmental concerns. These MEPA reforms emphasize a simpler and less restrictive self-verification process, which will enable faster approvals.

Qualifying Housing Criteria

To incentivize critical housing development while protecting the environment, housing projects must meet seven criteria to qualify for the streamlined process:

- Housing-Centered: At least 67 percent of a project must be for a residential purpose, with the remainder being used for related commercial uses;
- Dense: Must meet certain unit per acre thresholds for different types of housing;
- Land-Efficient: Projects may alter up to 5 acres of undeveloped land, or up to 10 acres with a tree preservation and replanting plan; and Priority Habitat, Prime Farmland, and carbon rich forest must be avoided;
- Flood and Erosion: All new developments must be constructed outside the current floodplain and other highest hazard areas and redevelopment projects must build outside highest hazard areas and follow resilient design principles;
- Energy Efficiency: Projects must comply with energy efficiency standards set out in the stretch code;
- Utility Access: There must be enough water supply, wastewater capacity and energy infrastructure to support the project; and,
- Transit-Oriented: Developments must limit the extent of new traffic, with higher thresholds if located near transit.

These regulations complement other streamlining measures outlined in the Mass Ready Act, Governor Healey's legislation aimed at strengthening state infrastructure and streamlining permitting.

Ecological Restoration

The new regulations also aim to simplify the process for certain ecological restoration projects that have important environmental benefits but do not qualify for existing streamlining, such as cranberry bog restoration and partial dam removals. An estimated 23 percent of these projects filed with MEPA since 2022 would now only require an ENF, with more projects anticipated to take advantage of streamlining in the future.

The draft regulations were filed with the Secretary of State's Office and are available for public comment.

The agency is inviting public feedback on the draft regulations until 5 p.m. on October 31, 2025. There will be virtual information sessions and public hearings on Oct. 14 and 15, 2025.

More details are available at *https://www.mass.gov/regulations/301-CMR-1100-mepa-regulations*.

Enough with the Industrial Revolution. Let the Earth Rehydration Revolution begin

To the editor,

Many believe that climate change is caused by the Industrial Revolution, that it all began with a forge for working brass for buttons built next to a grist mill and sawmills on the Ten Mile River in 1780. By 1855, 24 jewelry mills were operating in Attleborough (a town that would later split into Attleboro and North Attleboro).

The Ten Mile River runs 22 miles through North Attleboro, Attleboro Falls, and Attleboro to Pawtucket, Rhode Island, where it joins the Sevenmile River. The Ten Mile drains a watershed of 54 square miles.

Then, on a fateful day in September 2023, an unprecedented ten inches of rain fell on North Attleboro. Water cascaded in torrential sheets down the land, including Bristol County's highest peak, the aptly named Watery Hill (390 feet). Raging floodwaters inundated streets, washing away everything in their path — from automobiles to the foundation footings of buildings.

At least 200 homes were damaged by stormwater, and many were left uninhabitable. There were street closures, water undermining roads, sinkhole formations, and power outages. The Middle School was opened as a temporary shelter, and a state of emergency was declared.

We have crossed a tipping point or threshold of removing too much vegetation and soil, replaced with hardscape and heat islands. Water that once was permitted to infiltrate into the ground rushes away, picking up sediments and heat to become destructive stormwater. We have ignored the balance of the natural water cycle and turned a life-giving force, water, into a destructive force.

Plants release bacteria and fungi into the air. Water vapor condenses around organic particles to form raindrops and clouds. Water in the atmosphere retains heat. White, puffy cumulus clouds are the exception; they reflect more heat energy away from Earth than they trap, helping to cool the planet. Nowadays, globally, there are slightly fewer cumulus clouds, and the balance has tipped to more haze and bright sunlight.

Wind off water absorbs moisture. However, when shoreline vegetation is replaced by buildings and highways, the hardscapes heat the air, causing it to expand. Warmer air becomes thirsty and draws moisture from the land, drying it out while increasing heat-energy-bearing moisture in the atmosphere. As a result, stronger storms with heavier rainfall follow.

Rainwater should not be viewed as a nuisance to be quickly drained away. Water is a vital resource best kept where it lands to support the complex web of soil life, plant growth, recharge rivers, reduce the frequency of drought stress, and local climate regulation by plants releasing water vapor to condense into dew or cool by evaporation.

When property owners redesign landscapes to absorb and hold water, the volume of stormwater will decrease and reduce the need for more expensive management by the municipality. By minimizing stormwater, flood risks are lowered to benefit residents of low-lying and economically vulnerable areas, as well as downtown businesses along the river.

Attleboro is planning a pilot project that involves significant community engagement. A small forest of just 2,000 square feet is planned for O'Connell Field, an abandoned baseball field near the high school. Here, 35 native woody plant species — ranging from the pioneer sumacs to stately oaks and graceful maples — will be carefully planted close together as saplings to reflect a mosaic of successional stages that mirror the natural development of a forest.

The roots of different trees connect with fungal strands to form a mycorrhizal network, enabling all to access a galaxy of bacteria for enzymes and nitrogen fixation. With access to a broader palette of enzymes and mutualistic microbes, the forest grows not only more robust, but also more quickly and more rapidly deepening soils.

Known as a Miyawaki forest, this method will produce ten times more biomass and improve soil water retention tenfold compared to a stand of a single tree species. If successful, the pilot forest will be expanded into larger pocket forests placed strategically to prevent stormwater runoff from damaging nearby properties.

Let's end the property tyranny by acknowledging the land's natural rights to the rain that falls on it. The Earth Rehydration Revolution, which turns water in the air into water in the ground, begins with a small pocket forest in an abandoned ball field in an intrepid New England mill town. There's a new stewardship practice that keeps more water in the land and less in the atmosphere, which has been trapping heat and energy, fueling climate change. People are coming together for more soil, a greater diversity of native plants, and increased plant growth to hold more water in the ground; actions that will ripple far beyond small beginnings to create a healthier life for everyone through diverse communities working together, thriving ecosystems, and a cooler climate.

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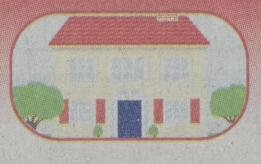

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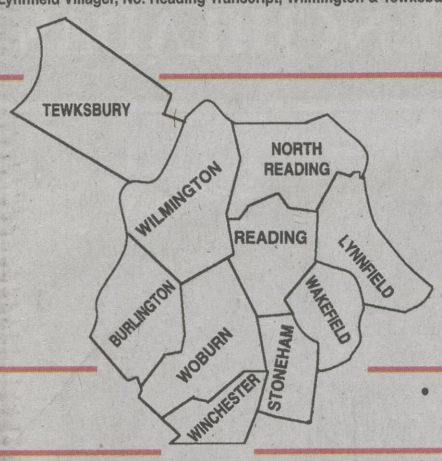

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Tewksbury's Gann looks to KO cancer

Haymakers for Hope Belles of the Brawl...

By RYAN LAROCHE

Kaitlyn Gann, of Tewksbury, hopes to knockout cancer when she competes in the Haymakers for Hope Belles of the Brawl charity boxing event on Thursday, Oct. 9 at the MGM Music Hall at Fenway (right next to Fenway Park).

Gann said she got involved with the charitable organization "because they are an organization that has been making an impact since 2011 in the fight against cancer." She noted how Haymakers has raised millions of dollars for cancer-related organizations and research foundations.

"I want to be a part of an event that makes a powerful impact for all those battling cancer," Gann added.

Money raised by some of those competing will go towards the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Gann will support the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Gann, along with 25 other fighters residing in the New England area, will be stepping into the ring to help Haymakers combat cancer. Since 2011, the organization has raised more than $35M.

Haymakers accepted registrations from everyday professionals in the Greater Boston area with no prior boxing experience who were eager to learn the art of boxing. Participants had the opportunity to train at local partner gyms over the course of four months, culminating in a live fight night at the MGM Music Hall, performing in front of a sold-out crowd and fighting for a cure.

Gann said this will be her first time participating with the Haymakers organization and her first time stepping into a boxing ring to fight. She has, however, been boxing for about three years, since 2022.

"After my daughter was born, I needed a physical outlet to help me relieve stress to show up as a better mom and wife for my family," Gann acknowledged.

She said she searched around for different gyms before finding SLS Fitness in Lowell. She chose them because of their flexible schedules for a working parent and the various classes they offer including strength, cardio and boxing.

"I tried boxing as my first class and never looked back," the Tewksbury resident noted, adding how the community and coaches created a supportive and fun environment to try boxing as an exercise. "I decided to keep going."

Not long after, she realized she wanted to continue to push herself and train for a fight. Therefore, she started training at Haverhill Downtown Boxing with Ray Herbert and his team whom she called exceptional coaches and trainers.

"It's a community that feels like a family," Gann said about everyone at Haverhill Downtown Boxing.

She said Herbert knows what it takes to train "and I feel so fortunate to represent Haverhill Downtown Boxing at Belles of the Brawl XII."

When she's not training to box, Gann teaches in Lawrence. She is an instructional coach at Oliver Elementary School.

Although Gann signed up to fight cancer, the Tewksbury resident has been lucky in that cancer never impacted her immediate family in the many ways it

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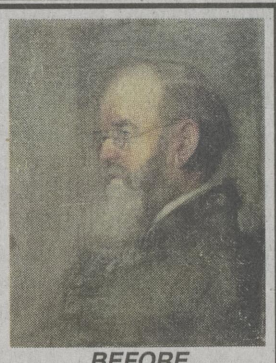
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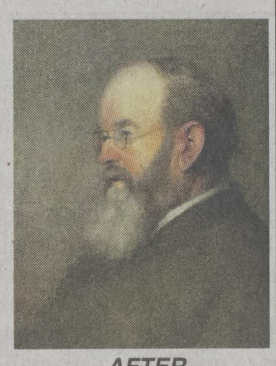
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BROTHERLY LOVE - Dylan O'Brien, left, and James Sweeney smile for the camera in a scene from "Twinless" from Roadside Attractions.
(Roadside Attractions via AP)

Movie Reviews & Box Office News

In dark comedy 'Twinless,' grief and loneliness lead down disturbing paths

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

James Sweeney never had a twin, though he wanted one. The filmmaker grew up a military brat, and says he dreamed of a having a twin that would serve as a kind of built-in best friend. Alas, he was twinless.

Of course, not all twins remain or ever become best friends, which is one of the painful truths we encounter in "Twinless," the audacious film that has resulted from Sweeney's persistent fascination with twindom.

But Sweeney's provocative work — in which he stars as well as writes, directs and produces — swings much wider. From the very specific vantage point of twindom, he's made a dark comedy — with a definite emphasis on the dark — that addresses the nature of grief. What was it Shakespeare said about love, that it looks with the mind, not the eyes? Sweeney's film argues that grief is also subjective, and that it doesn't always follow logical paths — or even acceptable ones.

His partner in this absorbing project is a terrific Dylan O'Brien, who earns double billing as two very different twins (he won a special acting prize at Sundance this year, where the film won the U.S. dramatic audience award). One is Rocky, a gay man who is outgoing, freewheeling, witty, self-assured. The other, Roman, is a straight man who is withdrawn, insecure, less than articulate and easily offended.

We begin with the sound of a crash, offscreen. And then a funeral. Roman is mourning his twin. Strangers come up to him, exclaiming how much he resembles the deceased. "I feel like I know you," one says. "Oh God, your face!" Instantly, we realize this must happen to twins at funerals all the time.

The task of emptying out Rocky's Portland, Oregon, apartment falls to Roman and his devastated mother (Lauren Graham, in a brief but searing performance), and Roman decides to stay on for a while. That's when he happens on a twin bereavement group.

One of his fellow mourners is Dennis, who speaks freely of his own lost twin, Dean. Outwardly the two men would seem to share nothing. But Dennis reminds Roman of Rocky, and the two bond over shared experience and loss, eating together and buying groceries, even road-tripping to a hockey game. You almost expect a rom-com montage where they start shopping for clothes.

Dennis tells heartwarming stories about Dean, such as the time he subbed in for him on school photo day, and nobody was the wiser. The heartwarming goes to heartrending, though, when Dennis talks about the agony of loss.

He actually likes the pain, he says, "because if I don't have the pain, then he's really gone, and I'm actually alone."

This would all be a great premise for a quirky bromance. But then, the opening credits run, fully 20 minutes in, just when we've forgotten to expect them. And here's where things get complicated — for Roman and Dennis, but also for any effort to review this film. The major twists, which unfold as we rewind to where we started, are surely better left unrevealed.

Still, it should not surprise anyone that Dennis has deeper reasons for latching onto Roman, and as Sweeney's plot unspools, we become more fascinated and horrified by the minute. Now we also meet Rocky, in flashback. In a few short scenes, we come to understand his easy appeal — and how different he is from his brother. While Rocky is quick-witted and clever, for example, Roman is slow to grasp sarcasm, and insulted by the slightest jab. O'Brien's performance is a triumph of such detail.

There's a third anchor here, a female character whose importance slowly grows: Marcie, the sweet-tempered receptionist at Dennis' office (Aisling Franciosi, excellent.) Things all start crumbling when she invites Dennis to a Halloween party. Dennis brings Roman, and the two hit it off. (Sweeney makes ingenious use of a split screen to convey the differing experiences our characters have at this party.)

For a while, they essentially become a threesome. But the writing is on the wall: this is heading somewhere very messy.

That denouement is both violent — at one point, stunningly — and gentle. In the end, we're left to ponder not only grief but loneliness, and the lengths people will go to fight it. Shakespeare had a line about that, too, referring to "the mystery of your loneliness." In Sweeney's disturbing but also oddly satisfying tale, that essential human condition retains its mystery.

"Twinless," a Lionsgate and Roadside Attractions release, has been rated R by the Motion Picture Association "for sexual content/nudity and language." Running time: 100 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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HomeNewsHere RECIPE

Easy Beef Enchiladas

EVERYDAY ENCHILADAS - Looking for easy ground beef enchiladas for dinner tonight? You'll be amazed at the delicious flavor you can get with only 6 ingredients! They are ready for the oven in just 20 short minutes, leaving you time to sip on a margarita.

STEPS

Step 1
Heat oven to 375°F. Spray 13x9-inch (3-quart) baking dish or pan with cooking spray.

Step 2
In 12-inch nonstick skillet, cook beef, onions and bell pepper over medium-high heat 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in 1 cup of the enchilada sauce and the chiles; heat to simmering, then remove from heat.

Step 3
Spread 1/2 cup of the enchilada sauce evenly in baking dish. Spread about 1/2 cup beef mixture down center of each tortilla; sprinkle each with 2 tablespoons cheese. Wrap tortillas tightly around filling, placing each seam side down in baking dish. Top with remaining enchilada sauce. Sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Step 4
Bake 23 to 27 minutes or until hot and bubbly (at least 165°F in center). Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

EXPERT TIPS

• Use only ½ cup of the enchilada sauce in the bottom of the dish so there will be enough to top the enchiladas. Like soft enchiladas? Pour the sauce to cover the ends of tortillas. For crispy-edged enchiladas, pour the sauce over the wrapped tortillas, leaving the edges uncovered.

• The ground beef can cool down quickly when you're wrapping the enchiladas. To make sure it gets hot enough, for food safety reasons, use an instant-read thermometer in the center of the enchiladas, to be sure it gets to 165°F.

• Feel free to swap in whatever type of bell pepper you have on hand for the red bell pepper. Play around with the type of cheese you use, for a different flavor. Try spicy Mexican-style cheese, for a spicier flavor.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb ground beef (at least 80% lean)
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 medium red bell pepper, chopped (1 cup)
- 2 cans (10 oz) Old El Paso™ Mild Red Enchilada Sauce
- 1 can (4 oz) Old El Paso™ Chopped Green Chiles
- 1 package (11 oz) Old El Paso™ Flour Tortillas for Burritos (8 Count)
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar Jack cheese (6 oz)

• GANN FROM B1

has the people for whom she will be fighting.

"However, it's not lost on me," she said, "the struggles people or their loved ones face when dealing with cancer. I understand the impact cancer has on lives, especially children. It's not fair that children have to deal with such a terrible disease in the dawn of their lives.

"That's why I am stepping into the ring. I'm giving back what boxing gave to me. I feel so grateful that I can use my body to fight for a cause bigger than me. Boxing has saved me mentally, physically and emotionally. I want to fight to give back to those who need someone in their corner to keep hope and strength alive so that we can defeat this disease once and for all."

Gann is clearly taking this very seriously, as she has been training 5-6 times per week with her trainer Marcel Maillet from Haverhill Downtown Boxing. She called him a "positive asset" to her training as he shares all his boxing knowledge and technique with her. She said they work on bag, mitt and foot work.

"We also get in the ring to spar and work on technique," she added.

When she's not in the ring, she's working on strength and conditioning through sit-ups and push-ups to keep her in strong shape. Gann also runs about four times a week to ensure she has what it takes to last three rounds.

When Gann does step into the ring in October, she'll do it with her family by her side, calling them a "huge support system." She said her parents, Kevin and Kim Flenke, "are so proud of me for the hard work I put in with boxing and fundraising."

Not surprisingly, Gann said they may be "a little nervous to see me in the ring on fight night," but added they would still be there to cheer her on. The same goes for her husband, Adam, whom she called her biggest fan and the most supportive during the whole process.

"Although he may be a little nervous, he knows it's something I want to do for myself," she admitted.

In all, it seems everyone close to Gann has been behind her every step of the way and she'll have a lot of supporters cheering her on when she steps into the ring on Oct. 9.

"I'm so grateful they will be there cheering me on," she exclaimed. "They help keep me going even on hard days."

And for those who can't be there in person, many said they'd love to watch the livestream and root from afar.

For those with aspirations to compete in a future Haymakers for Hope Belles of the Brawl event, Gann said applying was very simple. She said she applied as soon as applications went live on their website. Gann also noted no prior boxing experience is needed.

If selected, she said the organization does a wonderful job setting you up for training if you need a gym and a coach. They provide you with orientation to get a full understanding of what the next four months will be like. They also send you gear such as gloves, hand wraps and headgear. Gann also received a mouthguard and cross training shoes.

About halfway through training, Gann said all the participants meet during a sparring and media day. She called it a day "where you definitely feel like a movie star and professional athlete.

"The Haymakers organizers: Julie, Henri, Trevor, Mark, Andrew, Natalie, Jordan, put on this event to ensure bouts are competitive and evenly matched. Gauntlet Films works with all the fighters to take videos and photos in order to create awesome promo videos to share.

"The whole experience is worth it. I am so excited for fight night. I'm ready to knockout cancer."

Gann has a $10,000 fundraising goal, and as of Monday, Sept. 8, she has raised $9,847.88.

On the website https://www.haymakersforhope.org/events/boxing/belles-of-the-brawl-2025/fighters/kaitlyn-gann the Tewksbury resident notes how the World Health Organization estimates about 4,000 children and adolescents develop cancer each year.

"The time to fight back is now," she said. "Our children need us in their corner. Your donation will help me reach my goal of raising $10,000 to knock out cancer. On Oct. 9, I'll fight for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The money donated will directly support this wonderful organization."

She continued, "Your generosity will impact thousands of lives by ensuring children and their families have the care and treatment they need to survive this devastating disease. Thank you for your kindness and compassion. Thank you for supporting my boxing journey to fight cancer and especially St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. I hope you'll be in my corner and help me knock out cancer."

Of course, Gann isn't the only one looking to KO cancer. Other fighters include a nurse practitioner/veteran, two police officers, a flight attendant, a psychotherapist, an HR professional, an office manager/executive assistant, a project manager, several teachers, a brand marketer, a preschool behavior tech/aide, a professor, a hairstylist, a mental health clinician, an office administrator, a regional director of an emergency assistance shelter, a management consultant for the insurance industry, a planning and logistics team leader, a founder and CEO, a senior director of business systems, and a chef.

The women are all attempting to raise anywhere from $10,000 - $30,000 and all range in age from 28-56, though most of the women are in their 30s.

About Haymakers for Hope

Since 2011, Haymakers for Hope has been empowering ordinary people to rise to a competitive challenge while raising funds for cancer research, care, awareness, and survivorship.

Whether through their signature boxing program, a charity road race, golf outing or polar plunge, they help people put up a fight against cancer and be transformed in the process.

Since the first brawl in 2011, Haymakers for Hope events have raised millions for cancer-related causes. Participants can support an approved cancer-focused organization of their choice, or direct their fundraising toward one of their primary beneficiaries.

100 percent of straight donations raised by fighters support cancer-focused organizations while ticket and sponsor proceeds support Haymakers operations, growth and special initiatives such as their Fight Continued - Patient Programming.

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10 Wakefield Ave #A was sold to Inthisith, Nakhonekham and Tran, Timothy by Diantgikis, Nicole for $935,000 on 08/19/25

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200 Andover St #U was sold to Unit U Realty LLC by Pilcher, Timothy for $150,000 on 08/22/25

69 Butters Row was sold to Depiano, Anthony J by Rowe, William D and Rowe, Julie A for $490,000 on 08/20/25

112 Church St was sold to Angelo, Matthew J and Angelo, Lauren by Roth Ft and Roth Jr, Edward J for $775,000 on 08/22/25

9 Darby Ln was sold to Patel, Kalpeshkumar K and Patel, Sweetu S by Lily Oak Hill LLC for $1,600,000 on 08/21/25

3 Englewood Dr was sold to Tousi, Najmieh and Saghravani, Ryan by Celli, Meghan E and Celli, Joseph R for $820,000 on 08/18/25

10 Fairmeadow Rd was sold to Scripter, Ryan and Sharland, Victoria by Griffith, Joshua W and Griffith, Ashley J for $801,000 on 08/18/25

5 Loumac Rd was sold to Alli, Fausat O by Callinan, Ryan for $700,000 on 08/21/25

203 Lowell St #105 was sold to Guvvala, Yugendra R and Guda, Samhintha by 203 Lowell St Owner LLC for $625,000 on 08/19/25

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8 Garfield Ave was sold to Bellamy, Laura and Boulier, Amanda L by Nissen, Daniel and Nissen, Katherine for $1,062,350 on 08/22/25

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34 Rangeley Rd was sold to Lee, Kyle A and Falvey, Shannon L by Mathur, Parag N and Mathur, Jacqueline G for $2,700,000 on 08/18/25

3 Socrates Way was sold to Ranjan, Amit and Baranwal, Puja by Engel Robert D Est and Foley, Lawrence for $1,240,000 on 08/20/25

171 Swanton St #12 was sold to Xu, Yihan and Lu, Jiayong by Susan Goldberg RET and Goldberg, Susan for $785,500 on 08/20/25

109 Thornberry Rd was sold to Connolly, James J and Link, Angela M by Delaney, Anne M and Delaney, Matthew J for $1,820,000 on 08/19/25

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201 Bedford Rd #20 was sold to Wang, Yiyang and Liu, Yichen by Udeshi, Ankit and Ashar, Vrunda M for $729,000 on 08/18/25

146 Burlington St was sold to Russell, Thomas by 146 Burlington Street Rt and White, Gail L for $655,000 on 08/19/25

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3 Gettysburg Rd was sold to Nguyen, Samantha and Cotnoir, Daniel by Ascolese, Joseph A and Ascolese, Kyle A for $871,000 on 08/21/25

7 Richard Cir was sold to Derilus, Yvrose and Derilus, Nathalie by Olsen, Maryanne and Kelley, Patricia A for $660,000 on 08/19/25

6 Stratton Dr #103 was sold to Gjiknuri, Ronaldo by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $265,600 on 08/20/25

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21 Sylvanus Wood Ln was sold to Liu-Qian Lt and Liu, Wenqing by Boisvert, Patrick M and Boisvert, Alicia for $1,020,121 on 08/19/25

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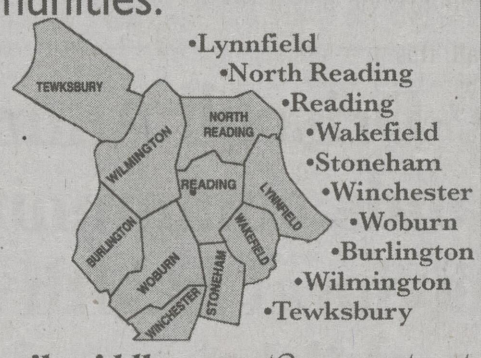

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• Thursday, September 25 - Poetry Open Mic Night resumes

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WHITELAM BOOKS

Tewksbury Police Log

Medford man arrested for OUI, drug possession

Monday, September 1

9:39 a.m. - Caller stated a vehicle had been parked for 10 to 15 minutes with its door open hear the Home Depot. Police sent. Owners just ran on and forgot to close the door.

4:28 p.m. - Caller reported a Hispanic male wearing a red hoodie and in a gold Honda Accord asked the caller if he wanted to by heroin at 7-Eleven. Police sent and checked the area, but he was gone on arrival.

7:38 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a white Toyota sedan following him too closely and high beaming and beeping the horn at the caller at Trull Road and Old Main Street. Caller reported the vehicle passed him and possibly turned southbound on Main Street. Caller did not wish to speak with an officer and was no longer behind the vehicle. Police sent and checked the area, but gone on arrival.

Tuesday, September 2

1:03 p.m. - A 911 hang up at Mens Health. The dispatcher spoke to someone and no emergency. Officer confirmed accidental.

10:37 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver at Andover Street and Frasier. Vehicle reported speeding and all over the road. Last seen pulling into Mc Donald's. Police sent. They spoke with the operator. There was no sign of impairment.

Wednesday, September 3

12:31 a.m. - Resident of Ames Hill Drive reported their upstairs neighbor were making excessive noise with the air conditioner. They would remain outside and made contact with officers out front. Police sent. They spoke with the caller and the residents. Advice was given.

4:49 a.m. - The caller's elderly mother with dementia walked away from her house sometime between midnight this morning at Cobbett Street. Last seen walking on foot away from the residence from her ring camera. Female believed to be wearing gray pajamas, black rain coat, and sneakers. She did not carry a cell phone. Police sent. Officer filed a report and the patient refused to go with the ambulance.

4:58 a.m. - Homeowner of Chandler Street allegedly heard someone at her front door trying to break her lock. No visual. She was alone in her house. Police sent. No findings of anyone being on the property. Officer filed a report.

7:13 a.m. - A 911 call for a male in his 30s who possibly overdosed at Lowell 5. Call reported a male who was slumped over and was not responding, possibly not breathing. Male was parked in a black Dodge Ram. Police and ambulance sent. Male party was awake and was just on his phone while he was waiting for the bank to open.

10:18 a.m. - Campus police advised of unwanted male party on campus at Saunders Building State Hospital. The ex-employee left the property.

3:54 p.m. - Caller reported she found a possible firearm in an abandoned unit at iStorage. Police sent. They reported the item was not a firearm.

4 p.m. - Caller reported a male wearing all black with a black mask on walking in the roadway at East Street and Carter Street. Police sent. They checked the area. The male was gone on arrival.

Thursday, September 4

4:04 a.m. - Caller at Emerald Circle reported suspicious vehicle parked in front of her house. Now at the neighbors in their driveway. Police sent. They confirmed that the vehicle was just delivering papers.

12:54 p.m. - Caller reported a gray Ford Bronco and a gray Honda Accord have been parked in the area all day at Ferncroft Road. Police reported the vehicle had been all set.

4:42 p.m. - Caller wanted a well being check on vehicle at Wendy's. Police sent. John Lombardo, 51, of 54 Newbern Ave. in Medford, was arrested and charged with second offense of OUI, possess class A drugs, operating motor vehicle with license suspended, and unregistered motor vehicle.

11:26 p.m. - Caller stated he got in a verbal argument with someone and took off at Motel 6. Police sent. Male party only witnessed a verbal argument at Burger King and wanted the police to check the area.

Friday, September 5

6:11 a.m. - Property Management at Market Basket reported two homeless people currently over at Marshalls. Police sent. They spoke with the property manager of Market Basket and no disturbance with this individual and was just trying to discourage people from hanging around.

2:59 p.m. - Front desk employee who also lived at The Residences at Tewksbury stated her child was threatened by an adult who lived there. Party who threatened the child left the property for now. Caller was advised that response would delay due to call. Police sent and officers to handle situation.

Saturday, September 6

5:19 p.m. - Police sent. Wilmington Police Department called in an erratic driver that was headed into Tewksbury around Lakeview Avenue and South Street. Police filed a report.

Sunday, September 7

12:36 a.m. - There was a male party banging on the door to his room yelling to him to open it at Extended Stay America. He was described as a black male. Police sent. All units cleared.

8:16 a.m. - A 911 caller was instructor for tractor trailer school at Teamsters Local 25. Student was driving aggressively. Instructor forced the vehicle to stop, and the student got angry and struck instructor in the face and fled the vehicle. He was seen walking toward the school wearing an orange sweatshirt and shorts. The instructor was following behind him in the trailer. Police sent. They made a courtesy transfer from Bella Woods and Carter Street.

12:15 p.m. - Caller reported an allegation of abuse and was requesting a police report at Blaire House. Police sent. They spoke to all the parties and would filed a report.

Wilmington Police Log

Local party surrenders firearms to police

Friday, Aug. 29:

9:40 a.m.: A white 2019 Chevy Express and a gray 2010 Toyota Rav4 were involved in a motor vehicle accident near the CVS on Main Street. Injuries were reported, and one of the vehicles ended up on its side.

2:09 p.m.: Caleb T Hanson of 24 Garin Terrace, Apt. #24, in Lowell, was issued a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of his yellow 2008 Toyota Highlander near the Shawsheen School on Shawsheen Avenue.

Saturday, Aug. 30:

5:06 a.m.: A caller on Sudbury Avenue reported smelling a strong odor that woke them up from sleeping; they could tell it was coming from outside as it stopped after shutting the window, and described it as smelling like super glue. Police believed the odor might be a skunk, but were ultimately unable to find the source.

3:38 p.m.: A caller at the Firestone on Main Street reported a woman showed up attempting to do a "test transaction" and claiming she was from Discover Banking. Police spoke with the employee and the woman, and the woman notified the supervisor that the employee is not comfortable with the test transaction, and that corporate will handle it further.

Sunday, Aug. 31:

2:40 a.m.: Mariolys Miarenys Guerrero of 15 Lyman St., Apt. #2, in Lynn, was issued a summons for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked registration. This followed a stop of her gray 2020 Toyota Corolla near Sonny's Mobile on the run on Lowell Street.

12:27 p.m.: A black 2013 Volvo S60 and a yellow 2025 Mazda CX-5 were involved in a minor motor vehicle accident in the parking lot of the Savers on Main Street. The drivers were arguing at the scene, and police assisted with paperwork exchange.

11:41 p.m.: A caller on Nichols Street reported a white man in his 20s or 30s, with a white shirt with a red blotch on the back that may have been blood, who was running towards Tewksbury. Police spoke with the man, and found that the man was out for a run.

Monday, Sept. 1:

2:26 a.m.: Najeliz Matos 117 3rd St., in Lowell, was issued a summons for trespassing with a motor vehicle, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked registration. This followed a stop of her gray 2011 Honda Accord on Research Drive.

6:44 a.m.: A caller on Burt Road reported finding a bag on the side of the road; the bag was described as a navy Adidas bag with an iPad, laptop, pants, and other items inside. Police returned the bag to the station for safekeeping.

5:23 p.m.: A caller on Longview Road reported that she returned home from a long weekend to find her neighbor cutting down all her trees. Police helped the woman issue a no trespass order to her neighbor, and advised both of them that this was a civil matter, and gave them advice going forward.

Tuesday, Sept. 2:

1:47 a.m.: Aiden Raymond MacDonald of 34 Marie St., in Tewksbury, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, a motor vehicle lights violation, and a number plate violation. This followed a stop of his black 2012 Ford F250 on Main Street.

10:27 a.m.: A caller on Oakdale Road reported two men came to his house, stating a brick had fallen off his chimney, then went on top of his house without his knowledge and acted suspicious after getting down. The vehicle the men arrived in was gone by the time police arrived, but police found no property damage.

6:02 p.m.: A brown 2013 Honda Civic and a black 2010 Nissan Pathfinder were involved in a motor vehicle accident on the I-93 NB Rt. 31 ramp. All people declined medical attention.

Wednesday, Sept. 3:

6:01 a.m.: Carlos A Ortiz-Toro of 3 Oxford Road, Apt. #2B, in Wilmington, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of his gray 2023 Toyota Corolla on Lowell Street.

11:35 a.m.: Amalia E Macario of 50 Astor St., Apt. #2, in Lynn, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and failure to stop/yield. This followed a stop of her gray 2016 Jeep Grand Cherokee near the Shawsheen School on Shawsheen Avenue.

5:39 p.m.: A caller on Denault Drive reported what he believed to be a young woman screaming "Get off of me, get away from me" about five minutes beforehand, coming from the house directly behind his, but couldn't see any details due to trees blocking the view. Police spoke with the people involved and restored the peace, advising both of them of their 209A rights.

Thursday, Sept. 4:

12:50 p.m.: A caller on Main Street reported a case of check fraud.

2:55 p.m.: A red 2024 Nissan Sentra, a gray 2008 Toyota Camry, and a blue 2006 Toyota Highlander were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Adams Street.

4:55 p.m.: A walk-in party from Allen Park Drive surrendered their firearms due to a restraining order issued by the State of Pennsylvania, surrendering three firearms, ammo, and a license to carry.

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Healey-Driscoll Administration expands community-based behavioral health services for children and youth

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that 36 community service agencies have been selected across the state to provide home- and community-based services for children who are MassHealth members — nearly half of all children in Massachusetts — with behavioral, emotional and mental health needs. The new network will be the first expansion of the provider network in over a decade.

This includes Wayside Youth & Family Support Network in Wilmington and Tewksbury.

The new network will offer more options for families, increase access to high-quality behavioral health services, and ensure geographic coverage across the entire state, including for families seeking specialized cultural and linguistic care.

MassHealth provides health care coverage for nearly half of all Massachusetts children. As part of the Children's Behavioral Health Initiative, the selected agencies will provide intensive care coordination, family engagement services, and new intensive team-based treatment services for families of children and youth with particularly complex needs.

Childhood mental health conditions affect many children and families across the country. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly one in five children ages three to seventeen have, at some point, been diagnosed with a mental, emotional, or behavioral health condition.

"This expansion will strengthen the behavioral health system of support for hundreds of thousands of children and their families here in Massachusetts," said Governor Maura Healey. "Through this important work, we are making sure that our young people get the care that they need."

"These agencies will help us provide coordinated, innovative services that are essential to the behavioral and mental health of children here in Massachusetts," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "We are thrilled to work with our partners to increase access to these services."

"Meeting the behavioral health needs of our young people and supporting their families is foundational to our commitment to a healthy society and is crucial to our work," said Health and Human Services Secretary Kiame Mahaniah. "This expanded network offers families of children enrolled in MassHealth the assurance that their child will get the care they need to thrive."

"MassHealth is dedicated to offering integrated behavioral health services and a comprehensive, community-based system of care for our members," said Undersecretary for MassHealth Mike Levine. "This expanded network will help us strengthen those efforts to reach more kids who need help."

Community service agencies were selected through a rigorous review process led by the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership (MBHP), with review teams comprised of community members and caregivers with relevant lived experience and representatives from state agencies and managed care entities. MBHP will conduct a rigorous readiness process with the selected agencies prior to contracting.

"We are excited to announce the selection of new community service agencies, key partners in providing every child and family with access to coordinated care," said Sharon Hanson, Vice President of Client Partnerships and CEO, MBHP. "With innovations like Family-based Intensive Treatment, we aim to transform behavioral health services and create lasting positive change in our communities."

As part of Carelon Behavioral Health, MBHP manages comprehensive, high-quality behavioral health care for over 400,000 MassHealth members statewide, ensuring accessible and culturally sensitive services through strategic collaborations with state agencies, providers, and community stakeholders to promote rehabilitation, recovery, and whole health.

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Fall Football Preview

Woburn High football hopes to keep progressing

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The Woburn High football team opened its season last week with a 7-0 win over Bellingham at Woburn High.

The Tanners scored the only points of the game in the first quarter when junior quarterback Aiden Wood found senior co-captain Mason Doherty with a 31-yard touchdown pass. Junior Gael Cerrillo's extra point made it 7-0.

The drive, the first of the game, covered 80 yards.

The WMHS defense took care of the rest led by the defensive backs including Doherty and junior Braden Pacini as well as corners senior Taylor Nin and junior Jaden Doherty.

The first half ended with Bellingham inside the Woburn 5-yard line before intermission arrived.

"Good start," said Tanner coach Jack Belcher. "The defense was solid the whole night."

Belcher was pleased with Wood's performance in the opener as the Tanners move on from quarterback Caedan Davis, who is now playing at Endicott College.

"Aiden's good," the coach said. "He played a lot of defensive back last season so the varsity game isn't going to stymie him in any way. He's a good athlete. He played var-

WOBURN - C2

THE WOBURN HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM opened its season with a win over Bellingham. The Tanners are back in action on Friday at home. (Photos by Joe Brown)

Rockets hoping for a repeat performance

Reading High football graduated plenty, but will be a force again

By Stephen Tobey
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It's a new year, with new faces, new challenges and the same high expectations.

Last fall, the Reading High football team won its sixth MIddlesex League Liberty Division title in seven years and reached the MIAA Division 3 state semifinals before falling to eventual state champion North Attleboro, wrapping up

READING - C2

Winchester returns plenty of experience

By MARK NADEAU
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WINCHESTER - Since being forced to rebuild the program following a combination of untimely graduation and the pandemic, the Winchester High football team started from scratch and has built up to a be a program that has won tournament games two years in a row and last year narrowly missed winning its first Middlesex League title of any kind since 1990.

The Red & Black graduated some key players, particularly on their offensive line, but they displayed the level of play in a recent scrimmage with Lynn Classical that just might help them reach new heights in 2025.

Winchester had two more scrimmages and opens the season at home against Peabody, September 12 at 6:30 p.m.

"We know some of our returning players and we know what they can do," said Red & Black coach Wally Dembowski. "We are trying to find that next person when we get a twisted ankle, when we have some boo-boos. We have a couple new faces on defense, so we need to know where we are at. On offense, we need to find some offensive linemen

WINCHESTER - C3

Tewksbury should contend once again

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Brian Aylward has been named Coach of the Year numerous times during his illustrious 29-year career.

Last year's season could certainly be one of his (and his entire staff) best coaching seasons.

The Redmen finished the season with a remarkable 9-3 record, which included two playoff wins over Westwood (35-7) and Somerset-Berkley (40-20), before falling in a tremendous battle against the eventual Division 4 state champion Duxbury (28-21) in the state semi-final game.

After that came another win over Wilmington (41-0) in the Thanksgiving Day game.

The Redmen closed out the season outscoring teams 351-171, averaging 29 points a game, while giving up just 14.

Tewksbury enjoyed big wins over Chelmsford and North Andover, while the three losses came against Methuen (35-28), which lost in the second round of the Division 1 playoffs, Billerica

TEWKSBURY - C6

Stoneham has a new field, same expectations

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As the Stoneham High football team continues to prepare for the 2025 season, coach Bob

Almeida is optimistic regarding his team's chances on the gridiron.

"We feel like we're ready to go, and with the way things are going, we strongly feel that we can compete with anyone in the Middlesex League," said Almeida. "We have a great offensive line, and so far we've been able to have some pretty strong showings in the scrimmages."

Following a tri-scrimmage with Northeast Regional and Kipp Academy, the Spartans faced off against Winchester in their annual scrimmage at Winchester High School.

In a tight battle, the Spartans prevailed in a 16-14 victory as the Spartans offensive line held in check.

"Our offensive line is playing great and they've done a terrific job blocking for our running backs," said Almeida. "They've been opening up holes and they've been doing a great job

creating spaces for our running backs. It's been a great pre-season so far, and we're hoping that we'll be able to continue this into the regular season."

Leading the way for the Spartans are four senior quad captains in Sean Powers, Peter Boccelli, Conor Gangi and Thomas Wood.

STONEHAM - C5

Wilmington begins a new era

With Cavanaugh at the helm, Wildcats are optimistic

By Doug Hastings
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Ever hear the story about the high school football coaching staff that was so amped up for the upcoming season that they held a practice on the first day possible?

The first minute possible?

The first second possible?

"We were eligible to practice on the 15th," Cavanaugh said with a laugh. "So we practiced in the gym at midnight. The clock struck 12 and whistles were blowing. It was a cool experience."

When the clock struck midnight on the first day of fall sports practices earlier this fall, new Wilmington High football coach Joe Cavanaugh, a former standout player for the Wildcats in the early 2000s, and his staff held their first practice.

It was attended by players, cheerleaders, parents and even a few middle school players, future 'Cats, enjoyed the atmosphere.

Midnight Madness is a tradition in many college basketball programs across the country, but football?

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Cavanaugh said the idea came to him some time around

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sity baseball last year as a sophomore. He's cool in there."

Last year, the Tanners were 6-5 overall and made the MIAA playoffs before falling to North Attleborough in the postseason.

"You are what your record is, as they say, but that 6-5 could have easily been 8-3," said Belcher, whose team was within one score of Reading for most of the game before the Rockets scored several points late in the game to make for a deceiving final score. "We had a scrimmage against Danvers that went well and a game scrimmage against Lynn English and we did well against them too. Bellingham was good, they were 1-3 last year and finished 8-3. They're very well coached, but we held them. We did a good job."

While Belcher wants to improve on the seven points his squad scored on offense, two numbers he was pleased with against Bellingham was penalties (only two) and turnovers (zero).

Senior running back and linebacker Thomas Kineavy joins Mason Doherty as the two team captains this season.

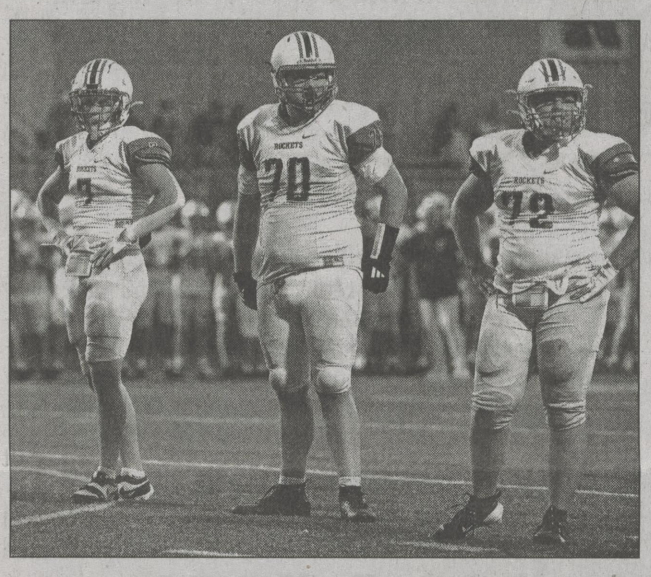
Other seniors on the team include Brayden Gillespie, Jake Hagopian, Nin, Jason Barrett, Vernin Edwards, Spencer Jones, Phoenix Carter-Barchard, Antonio Boggs, Anderson Pignaton, Joel Zeqo, Mason Moreira and Mohamed Amamou.

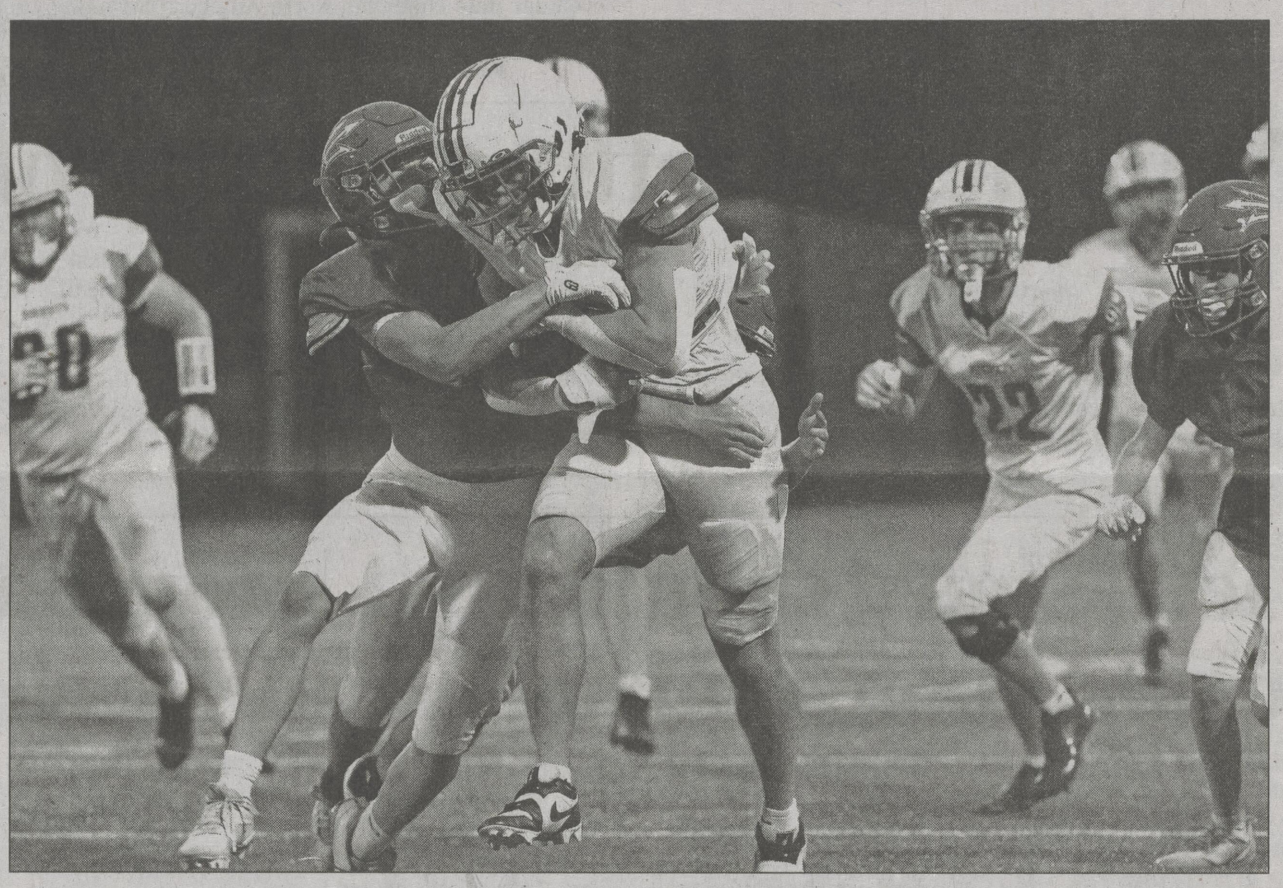
Woburn's juniors are Cerrillo, Wood, Pacini, Jaden Doherty, Jack Corduck, Brendan Cullinane, Joshua Fernandes, Gavin Driscoll, Jackson Moffitt, Jackson Raynor, Wyatt Veader, Danny Montezuma, Cam Barter, William Najjar, Ben Glazier, Jonathan Dupont, Terrance Thompson, Jacob Lebron, Nando Parziale, Gavin O'Connor and Jordan Tourjee.

Tanner sophomores consist of Jayden Jean, William Severance, Damien Smith, Cam DeSisto, Alex Kanoni, William Banner, Lerone Duplessis, Justin Bauer, Jonathan Verdier, Cash Svetly, Ahmet Aysan, Jack Severance, Akil Kakande, William Gray, Jude Donahue, Nick Black, Angel Perez, Ryan Lally, David Ribeiro, Ethan Okech and Nathan Pearce.

Woburn doesn't play a road game until Oct. 17 and returns to action this Friday at home against Longmeadow at 7 p.m.

• Reading hoping to repeat





READING, THE DEFENDING MIDDLESEX LEAGUE LIBERTY DIVISION CHAMPION, kicks off its season on Friday against Melrose. (Photos by Bob DeChiara)

its season with a 10-2 mark after bowing to Stoneham at Fenway Park in the annual end-of-season game, played two days before Thanksgiving Day.

A large group of seniors graduated, including 1,000-yard rusher D'Von Burcy and offensive lineman James Donahue, who is playing at Merrimack College.

"We want to get better every week," said Reading coach John Fiore, now in his 22nd season in charge of the Rockets. "We want to practice and play to our standard and as they say, the score takes care of itself."

When the Rockets open the season on Friday, hosting Melrose in a non-league game at Hollingsworth Field (7 p.m.) there will be someone who is not named Murphy starting at quarterback for the first time since 2018.

Senior William Chute moves into the starting role that the program's all-time leading passer James Murphy (Brown University) occupied for four years and Jack Murphy (RPI) played for the last two. Chute has seen occasional action in each of the last two seasons.

"Will has done very well," Fiore said. "He's worked very hard."

The offensive line graduated six starters, but juniors Brendan Boutiette, Giovanni Passacantilli, Brandon LaMontagne and seniors Sean DuRoss and Barrington Anderson all saw significant action last year. LaMontagne was a fullback last year.

In the backfield, juniors Dominic Pate, Cyrus Cousins and Jamrari Wright will fill the roles that Burcy and Austin McClusky performed last year.

Senior Brady Comenos and classmates Robert Morris and Ryan Pulpi lead the receiving corps.

On defense, DuRoss and Lamontange are back at linebacker. Pate, whose interception sealed the quarterfinal victory against Milford that earned the Rockets a spot in the state final four, is back in the secondary, along with Comenos and Luke Rogerson.

"The defense is flying to the ball," Fiore said.

This year's coaching staff has a slightly different look. Dave Blanchard, the longtime line coach and defensive coordinator, will be the offensive coordinator. Rob DiLoreto, who was the offensive coordinator last year, returned to Everett as a head coach. The previous offensive coordinator, Patrick Sheehan, is in his second year as head coach at Masconomet.

Bill Carnes is the defensive coordinator.

The Rockets scrimmaged Andover and Burlington.

"We were really pleased with the way it went against Andover," Fiore said. "They're a physical team and a lot of our guys were seeing varsity action for the first time. When we saw the film of the Burlington scrimmage, we saw progress in a lot of areas where we wanted to see it."

After the opener with Melrose, the Rockets go on the road to face Danvers and Cumberland, Rhode Island. The league opener is on October 3 at home against Arlington.

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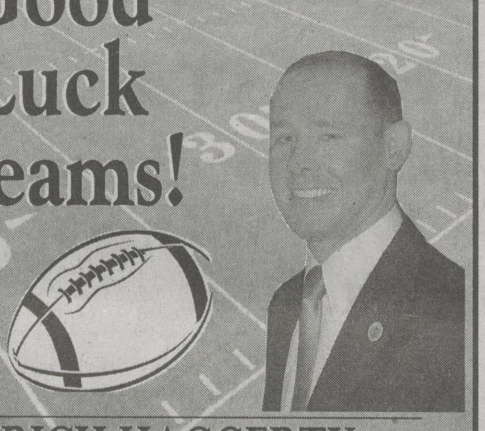

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• Winchester returns plenty of experience

WINCHESTER opens its season on Friday at home against Peabody at 6:30 p.m. (Photos by Joe Brown)

because we graduated some linemen. We have some skill kids but our O-line is young."

The Red & Black are going to feature two quarterbacks, senior Ronan O'Connell and junior

Peter Alexopoulos. O'Connell started all of last year but when he got knocked out of

Winchester's playoff game at Marshfield, Alexopoulos came in and played well, helping the Red& Black stay in the game until late against a very good Rams' squad.

"We don't know," said Dembowski, when asked who the starter would be. "We used two last year, we've got the same two this year. Whoever has the hot hand, right now."

Winchester has three players to feed the ball to at running back, led by senior Gianni DePrimeo, who capped an outstanding campaign with a 306-yard, three-touchdown performance on Thanksgiving Day against Woburn.

Nicky Rotondi is another senior back with breakaway speed, while sophomore Nolan Byrne looked good in his limited carries as a freshman.

The Red & Black also bring back their top two wide receivers and starting tight end. Seniors

Ryan Martin and Ted Budreski will be the starting wideouts and senior Willi Nelson is a new starter who will be in the slot.

Returning senior Michael Ficociello came on strong late last year at tight end.

On the offensive line, gone to graduation are center/defensive tackle Jake Tempesta and right-side linemen Brogan Salvietti at guard and tackle Adam Rauseo. Returning are left side starters Shaun Garrett at tackle and Lucas Sekino at guard.

The new center contenders include sophomores Patrick Winn and Ben Adams, or junior Eddie Sim. Sophomore Jack Lennon is in the mix at guard along with second-year captain Bryan Harrison at tackle. The returning captain and starting middle linebacker has the motor for it, so it could happen.

Other candidates on the offensive line, at least for depth, include juniors Mike Beauvais and Evan Berg.

"There are eight to 10 guys that we are trying to figure out who will be in the mix," said

Dembowski, of the offensive line. Winchester is working with six or seven guys for the defensive line. Ficociello will start at one defensive end. Winn, Sekino are two of the other leading candidates.

At linebacker, playing next to Harrison could be a new player, senior Will Mango, whose had the most reps thus far on the weak side. Senior Quinn Pimental is another good candidate whose likely to see time on the strong side. Sim, freshman Eddie Nigra and sophomore Christian Sochat provide depth.

There are six players fighting for two starting positions at outside safety. The Red & Black are looking for a ball hawk to replace free safety Joe Guida. Martin is another who could start at outside safety.

DePrimeo and Budreski return at cornerback, and Rotondi returns at strong side safety.

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• Wilmington begins a new era

March Madness.

"I brought it to (athletic director) Dennis (Ingram) and the principal and they OK'd it and the (superintendent) OK'd it," he said. "Obviously we would have liked to be on the field, but it wasn't done yet."

Cavanaugh, a long-time assistant coach in Wilmington (2004-2016) before coaching at Billerica High as an assistant and then taking the reins at Lowell Catholic, might be the perfect antidote for a program that has struggled for victories in recent years.

The losses ended up costing coach Craig Turner his job after several seasons at the helm.

Cavanaugh brings a staff overflowing with Wilmington football names including Rich DeLucia, former WHS head coach Gerry Sullivan, Steve O'Neil, Steve Crampton, Joe McCauley, Sean Murphy, Chris Walsh, Brett Ebert, Dylan Masiello and Dan McConologue. Wilmington resident Sean Murphy, a former tight end at Boston College and a former assistant coach, is also on the staff along with Andrew Saifa, who coached with Cavanaugh at Lowell Catholic.

"Between all of us, Wilmington High football is important to everyone," said Cavanaugh. "Everybody has some kind of past connection."

The arrival of the new staff has made a difference.

"The kids have been great," Cavanaugh said. "They've been working hard and kind of buying in to what we're preaching."

What Cavanaugh and his coaches preach, mostly, is hard work. In recent seasons, despite losing on the scoreboard, the Wildcats never stopped working.

"That's kind of what Wilmington has been known for," he said. "

Wilmington will be fielding a freshman team for the first time in several seasons and the numbers in Wilmington's youth football league are also increasing.

"The (freshman team) got a win on Saturday," said Cavanaugh.

WHS has six seniors leading the team as captains including receiver/defensive back Colin Allard, tight end/defensive end Pat Delucia, running back/linebacker Gus Lambert, two-way linemen Luke Cushing and Noah Matton and offensive lineman/linebacker Timmy Watson.

"In the offseason, they all did a great job of getting guys into the weight room and leading the kids through the summer," Cavanaugh said. "And through the three weeks of preseason we've had, they've been great, all six of them. We've been pleased with them so far."

Other seniors on the squad include Camden Gray, Cam Pereira, Josh Burton, Jacob McCauley, Colin Dwyer, JR Haggerty, Luke DeProfio, Adam Veliz, Gabe Borges, Jonathan Panatta and Joe Cavanaugh Jr.

Juniors on the team include Ayden Bellevy, Julian Martins, Maxwell Bagtaz, Henry Almeda, Mark Holleran, Theodore Bryson, Adam Saied, Ethan Lydon, Josue Rivera, Chris Conn, Jahmari Trinidad and Liam Marazi.

Wildcat sophomores on the roster are Tyler Alfred, Kyle Spencer, Brody Humphrey, Michael Yusuf, Pierce Silveria, Max Glazer, Allesio Limoli, Brady Beldekas, Nick Maninos and Jack Cyr.

Wilmington has 21 freshmen in the program, a group that includes Alex Scaltreto, Nolan Antczak, Austin O'Connell, Braeden Foley, Michael Belanger, Jordan Wedge, Max Barnett, Noah Drane, Marco McCollem, Danny Tildsley, Michael Trimarchi, Max Champness, Nate Ricciarelli, Petros Douzepis, Patrick Jamieson, Tyler Nadile, Jayden Burton, John Ebert, Braedon Long, Michael Duffy and Drew Drozdowski.

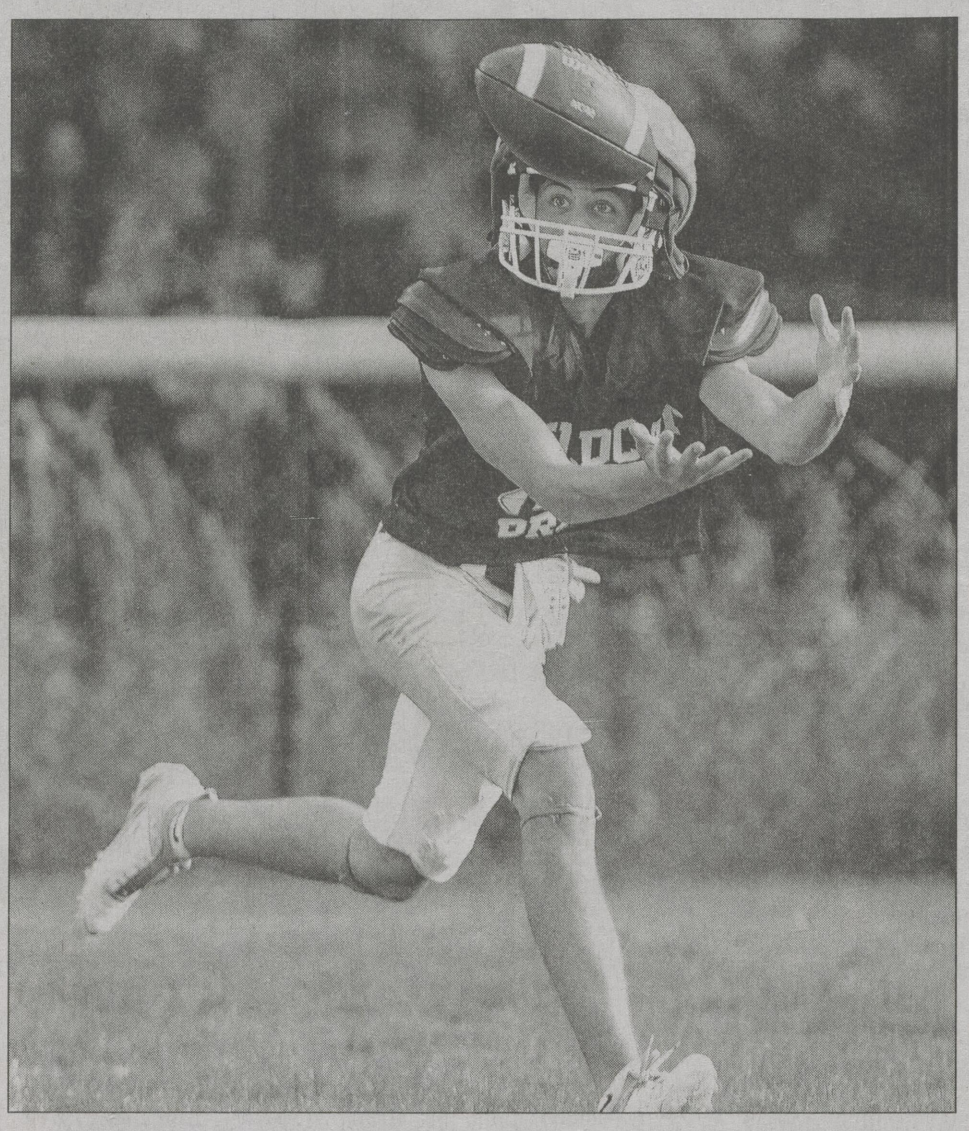
"Most of the starters are all back," Cavanaugh said. "Physically and maturity-wise, we have the pieces to hang in with anybody."

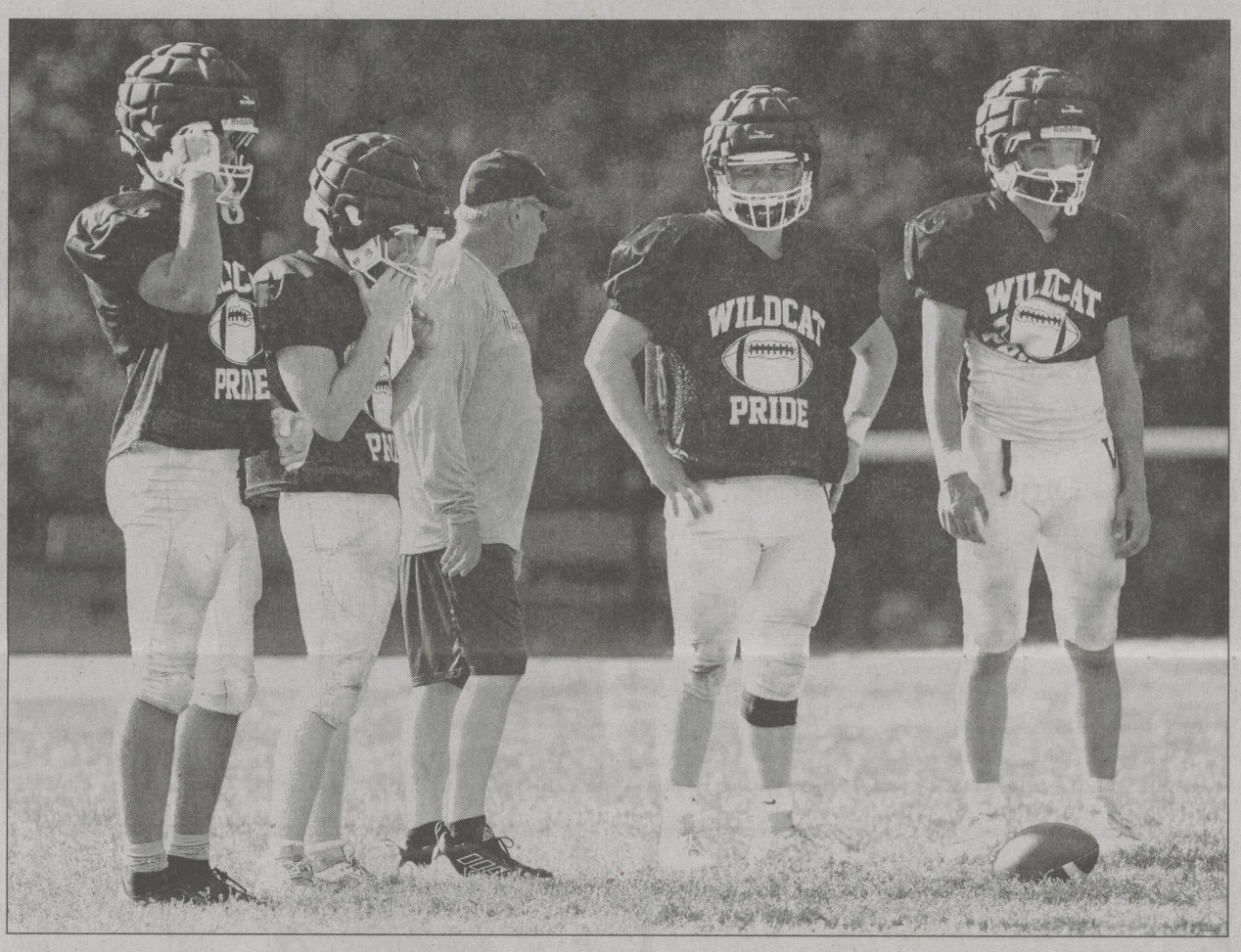
The 'Cats scrimmaged in the preseason against Medford, Dracut and Merrimac, N.H.

"We had a good showing (in the preseason)," he said. "And the good thing is throughout the preseason we've had a lot of competition, which is great."

WHS opens the season on Friday with a road game against Essex Tech. The Wildcats play another road game on Sept. 19 against Saugus before playing their home opener on Sept. 26 against Arlington Catholic at 7 p.m.

Wilmington starts Middlesex League Freedom Division play on Oct. 3 with a home game against Burlington, also at 7 p.m.





THE WILMINGTON HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM had a busy preseason and opens its season on Friday. (Photos by James Thomas)

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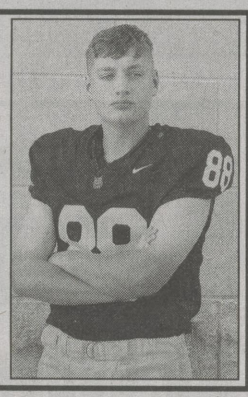

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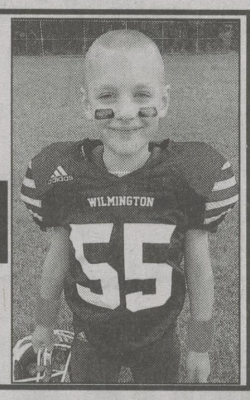

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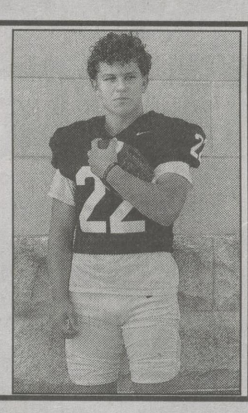

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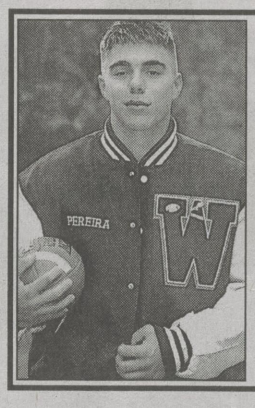

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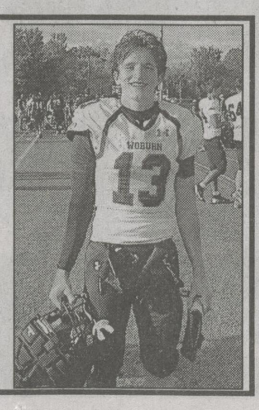

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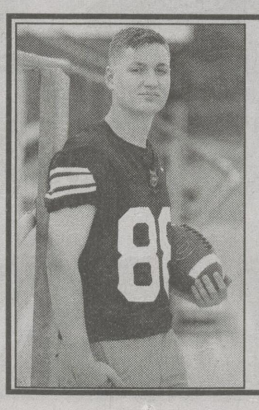

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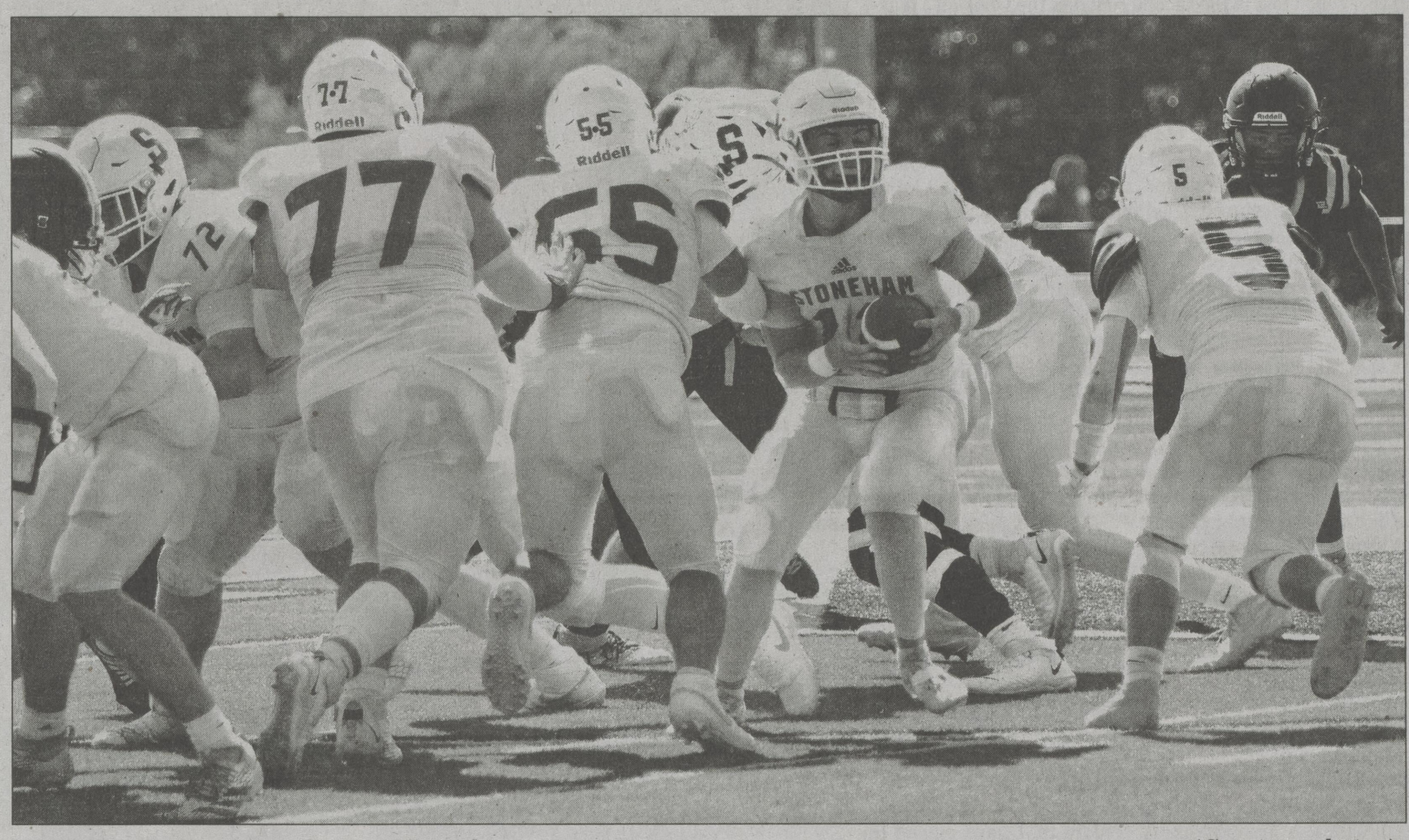
• Stoneham has a new field, same expectations



STONEHAM opens its season on Saturday. (Courtesy photos)

Powers, will return as the Spartans returning quarterback while Boccelli will serve as the main running back on offense as well as a linebacker on defense.

Gangi is slated to serve as a two-way lineman while Wood, who was injured for a portion of the season, will emerge as a solid two way offensive and defensive lineman.

"Sean Powers is our returning quarterback, which is great, as well as Boccelli, who will serve as our main running back,'' said Almeida. "He was our third guy in the depth chart, but he did see some playing time last season. He's going to have some big shoes to fill this season, especially with our two top running backs gone. (Conor Gangi) also has some experience on the defensive and offensive line, while Thomas (Wood) is probably one of top linemen at the line of scrimmage. We have a solid offensive line as well as a returning quarterback, so even though we lost some guys in the backfield, we also have some key athletes returning as well."

Almeida completed Powers on his ability to run the offense and manage the game effectively.

"Sean (Powers) did a great job managing the game offensively,'' said Almeida. "We were able to take care of the ball, and he made some great plays. He was able to come through and really deliver with some smart offensive plays and drive the field effectively and efficiently in our scrimmage against Winchester."

Almeida also praised the efforts of the senior line of Brian Langill, Thomas Wood, Connor

Gangi as well as Mike Peacock followed by the tight end duo of senior 6-6 athlete Tony Dean

and junior Cooper Brisson.

"We have some great seniors on the team and they've been able to really lead the team,'' said Almeida. "Tony Dean has really been a force at tight end, and he's stepped it up. He's got tremendous size and strength and Cooper Brisson has really developed into a solid role, coming through and really stepping it up on both sides of the ball. I'm more than pleased with how the offensive line is coming together and that's important."

As for running backs, the Spartans will be led by the running back quartet of Boccelli, senior Pedro DaSilveira, as well as the sophomore duo of Dan Staffiere and Colby Stering.

"We have been able to figure out our running back situation'' said Almeida. "Peter (Boccelli)

has been able to lead the way at running back and Pedro (DaSilveira) has been solid, breaking tackles and being able to go through for long gains on the ground. Dan (Staffiere) and Colby (Stering) have been able to really complement the other two guys at the running back position, so we've been able to solidify our running back situation.

Other returning starters for the Spartans include Derek Brown, who is slated to compete at

running back/receiver and at corner back along with senior Pedro DaSilveria.

Contributors for the Spartans include Noah Brun, who is a junior full back and a defensive

lineman while junior Daniel Mikaj will serve between cornerback and fullback.

"We have new guys returning in the secondary, which will help out our linebackers very well,'' said Almeida. "We're happy with the way everyone has come into camp and they're ready to go. A lot of the guys came into camp doing their homework in the off-season and we're hoping to have another strong season."

Also serving as a tight end and linebacker will be Tony Dean along with sophomore Cooper

Brinson, who will also add some depth to both the linebacker and tight end positions.

As for linebackers, Dean, Brisson along with juniors Jeremy Friedman and Noah Brun. Also in the mix will be junior Derek Brown followed by Daniel Mikaj and Dean.

Other key assets on defense include DaSilveira, juniors Derek Brown and John Preston. On the defensive line will be Wood, Langill as well as Gangi and Peacock. As for linebackers, the Spartans will be led by Boccelli, Dean as well as Brisson, Friedman, Staffiere and Stering.

With the completion of the new high school football field, the Spartans will finally play in their new home turf, which was installed this past season. After playing their home games at Woburn High, the Spartans will finally have their new stadium at Stoneham High under the new turf field and lights.

"The stadium looks great, and it's really a state of the art facility,'' said Almeida. "We're very

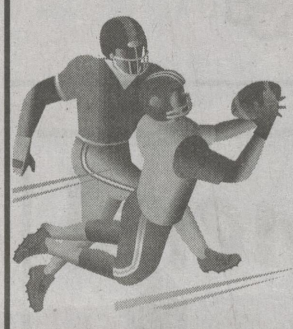
thankful we have a beautiful field as well as an excellent home turf. "We're very excited about playing our home games at our new Turf Field because we have an excellent facility and we're excited that we're going to be able to use it after playing our home games at Woburn High last year."

While the Spartans may be in the process of finalizing their offensive and defensive sets, the Spartans enjoyed the long weekend before preparing for the season non-league opener against Nauset on Saturday afternoon.

Following their season opening game against Nauset, the Spartans will return for their home opener against Arlington. Almeida realizes how important a strong start to the season is, especially with the Middlesex League Freedom Division being extremely tough.

"Obviously we have to stay healthy and we can't have too many injuries,'' said Almeida. "We're hoping to stay healthy and the kids have really worked hard to stay that way. If we can stay healthy and not have too many injuries, then I think we'll be fine and do fine. We're happy to get the season going and everyone is excited. We know that Nauset is going to be a tough opponent and we have to get off on the right foot."

Good Luck **Rockets**



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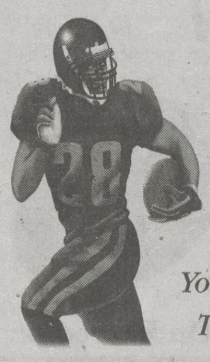

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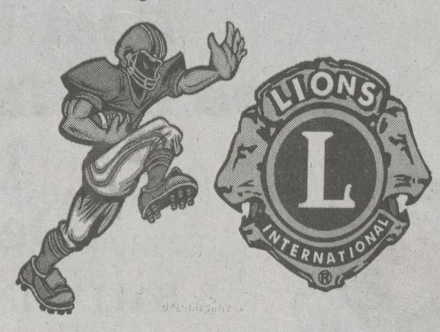

Woburn Host Lions Club

• Tewksbury should contend once again

(29-20), which lost in the second round of the Division 3 playoffs and Duxbury.

A handful of savvy, veteran players – including QB Vincent Ciancio, who threw for more than 4,300 yards with 37 TDs in his magnificent career and Merrimack Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year Manny Mengata (over 100 tackles, while he also had 615 rushing yards and 14 TDs offensively) -- have graduated, however, there's still a lot of savvy veterans returning, as well as a large group of talented underclassmen to make another serious run in the league and state playoffs.

"We return several players that have contributed to our success over the past couple of years. Game experience is our most valuable asset," said Aylward, now in his 29th season sporting 199 career wins, counting Friday's opener over Winthrop. "As the smallest school in the MVC, depth is always a concern. Our expectations are to compete in each game that we play."

This year's team will be led by its four captains, Ben Christopher (RB/WR), Emeka Olu (RB), Johnny Sullivan (WR) and Jake Burns (TE/DE).

Christopher had 306 rushing yards and nine touchdowns, as well as 32 receptions for 552 yards with seven more scores. He was also a star as a defensive back, with three interceptions, one pick-six, and two forced fumbles.

Olu finished his junior season with 844 yards and 14 touchdowns, despite missing 2.5 games to an injury. He averaged 5.6 yards per carry, while he also excelled as a linebacker.

Sullivan had over 400 receiving yards and four TDs, and Burns added nearly 200 receiving yards with three scores as a tight end.

"We have a great group of seniors that have played a major role in our last two seasons where we have faced Duxbury in the Division 4 State semi-finals back-to-back," said Aylward. "Our five captains have played since their sophomore years."

This year, those four will be catching passes from a different QB, sophomore Will Harrison, completed 12-of-14 passes for 125 yards with a TD pass, while rushing for 108 yards and scoring a pair of touchdowns in Week 1's 34-6 win over Winthrop.

"I'm proud of him, I'm proud of what he did," said Aylward. "He's a sophomore in his first start. Most of the time, I would do stuff to protect that kid and not put him in tough situations. We needed to early in the game, and it's only because I have faith in him. I know what he can do."

Protecting Harrison on the offensive line includes returners Victor Muyanja and Brady Schofield at tackle, Ethan Martins and Cam Guendner at guard, while newcomers Rylan Suzor and Evan Paglia will share time at center.

Also, in the mix offensively will be running backs Nicky DeSisto (200 yards, 4 TDs), Jack Lightfoot and Sean Callahan (1 TD) and four newcomers including Nick Colametta (tight end), Jack Leone (tackle), Grayson Ryder (wide receiver) and Dominic Curreiri (running back).

Jackson Feudo is back as the team's place kicker, and he nailed 34 PATs last season.

Aylward will rely on many of those same offensive players to come through on the defensive side as well. Muyanja, Schofield, Suzor, Paglia, Burns, Olu (and at linebacker), Colametta and Leone will be on the line, with Martins, Guendner at linebacker and the secondary will have a combination of Sullivan, Christopher, DeSisto, Callahan, Lightfoot, Harrison, Ryder and Curreiri.

Other members of the team include seniors Tyler Valente and Cole Doherty; juniors Joel Torres, Ryan Callahan, Robert Dulphe, Gustavo Mendes, Jordan Delorbe and Henry Bosworth; sophomores Carlo DeSisto, Brennan Davis, Brayden Duran, Logan Augustyniak, Tyler Smith, Jaden DiDomenico, Domanic Sarkisian, Jack Ryan, Josh Oliviera, Vinny Manoloulis, Luis Silva, Armin Omeragic, Jaden Sydney and Nathaniel Burga.

Tewksbury opened the season on Friday with the win against Winthrop and will now have a bye before hosting Methuen on Friday, Sept. 19. That will be the first of seven straight league opponents with Lowell, Chelmsford, Billerica, Dracut, North Andover and Andover to follow. The games against Lowell (Sept. 26), Billerica (Oct. 10) and North Andover (Oct. 24) are at Doucette Stadium.

"We are the school with the smallest enrollment size in the league and the area; however we play a primarily Division 1 and 2 schedule year in and year out," said Aylward. "Our kids understand what Tewksbury tradition is and are willing to accept the challenge and represent Tewksbury. We will lean on the experience and high football IQ of our senior group to help make Will Harrison's transition easier.

"The preseason scrimmage schedule vs BC High and Leominster were good outings for us and have given our guys the confidence that they can play with the tough teams on our schedule. Winthrop was a great start. We now have a bye week to get prepared for perennial Division I power Methuen."

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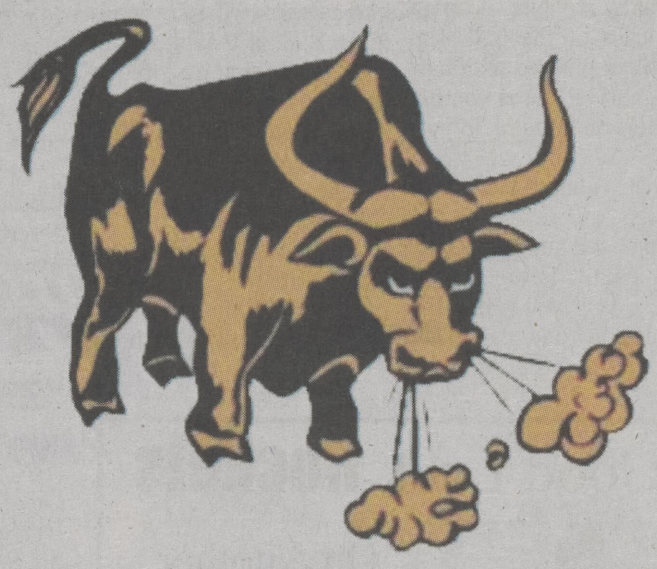

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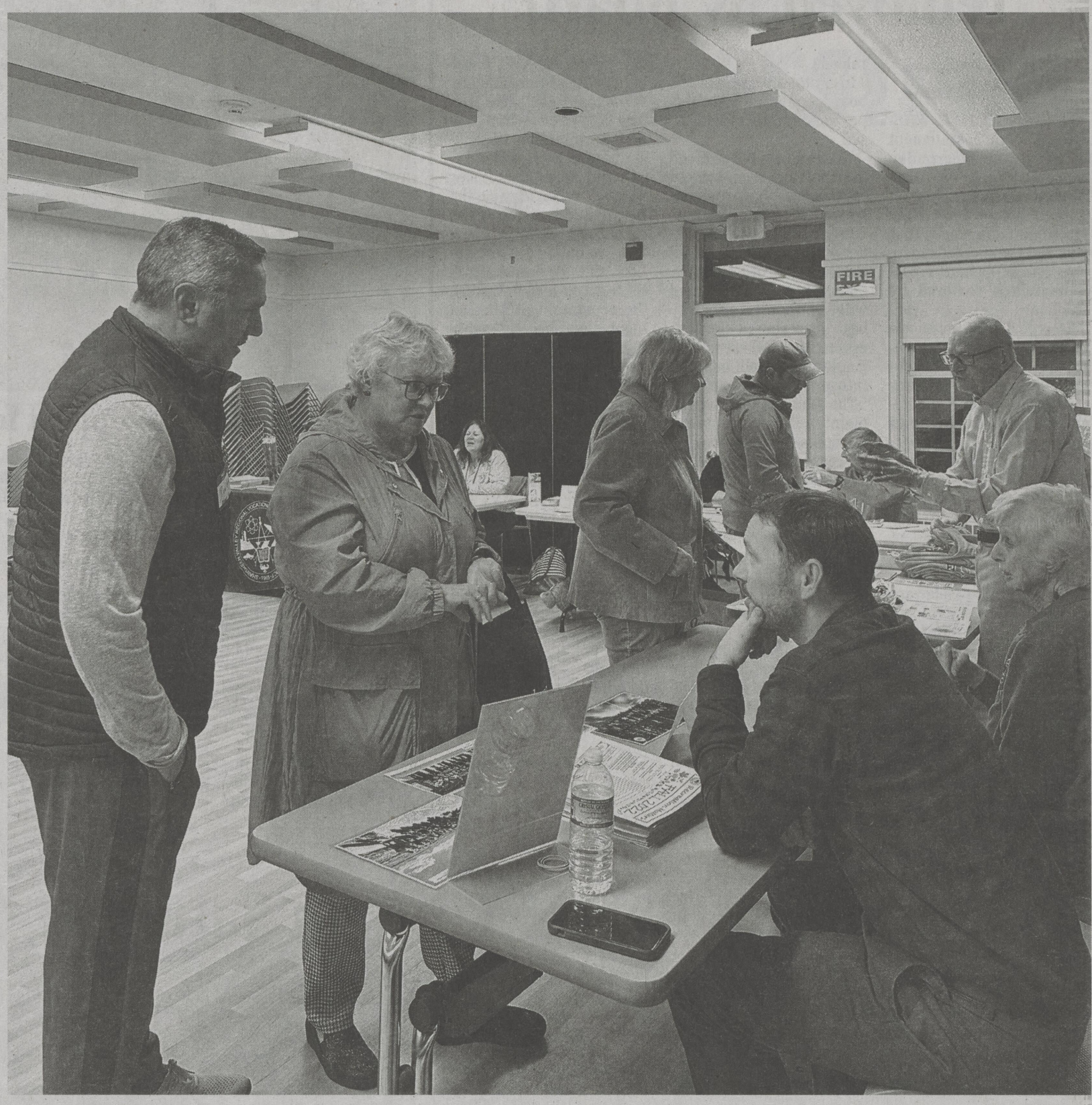

▲ New to the town of Wilmington? Join us at the library for Welcome to Wilmington Night on Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.! (Courtesy photo)

Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, September 16, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, September 17, 2 p.m.

Thursday, September 18, 2 p.m.

Saturday, September 20, 2 p.m.

Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, September 15, 6 - 8 p.m.

These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in.

Welcome to Wilmington!

Wednesday, September 17, 6 p.m.

Stop by the library for our reception for new residents. There will be the opportunity to meet representatives from local organizations, learn about service opportunities, meet other new residents and more! RSVPs encouraged, but not required.

Novel Ideas

Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m.

Enjoy reading fiction? Join the library's fiction book group led by Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book. Featured Book: Broken Country by Clare Leslie Hall.

Needleworkers

Friday, September 19, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop-in.

Youth Programs

Wilmington Community Playgroup

Monday, September 15, 10 a.m.

Join Community Teamwork Family Resource Network for a community playgroup where we'll work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. Ages 0-6, siblings welcome

Manga Tryouts

Thursday, September 18, 3:30 p.m.

Have a say in manga purchased for the teen collection with this club! During each meeting, we'll sample 1st volumes of different manga and vote on whether it should be added to WML's collection. Grades 6-12

Switch it Up! Video Game Club

Friday, September 19, 3:45 p.m.

Love video games? Come to this once-a-month video game club to play Switch games with friends! Grades 1-5

Babysitting Course

Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m.

In this course, participants ages 11-18 years old will learn the skills needed to become responsible babysitters. The course will teach babysitting safety, how to handle different situations while taking care of children, and provide a 4-H babysitting guide. This is a 2 part course and participants should plan to attend both sessions (Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.). Please bring a lunch, and we will provide snacks. Ages 11-18

Teen DnD

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2 p.m.

Looking for a group to play with? Join us for in person Dungeons and Dragons at the library. You may also participate on Discord, a private server. We use DnDBeyond to track and create our characters. Grades 6-12

Additional Information

Registration still open!

Join author Sy Montgomery on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) as she discusses her journey as an author. There will be a cash bar, book sales & an autograph signing! Sy Montgomery is best known for her books The Good, Good Pig and The Soul of an Octopus. Registration is now open! This is a free event, open to ages 9+, and is located at the Wilmington Senior Center.

Library Card Sign-up Month

September is library card sign up month! Anyone that signs up for a library card in the month of September will get a tote bag, pen, sticker and welcome sheet.

Check Out Our Library of Things

Did you know Wilmington Memorial Library circulates more than just books? Check out our Adult, Teen and Youth Library of Things for fun and useful items to take home. Items include: a karaoke machine, laminator, telescope, crochet kit, projector and much more! See what's available at *https://wilmlibrary.org/lot/*.

Book Store Next Door

Regular hours are back at The Book Store Next Door! The bookstore is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list by visiting *www.wilmlibrary.org/services/mp*.

WML In-Person & Virtual Programming

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Pires, Aznavoorian named to Dean's List at SNHU

MANCHESTER, NH — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2025 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

• **Monica Pires of Tewksbury**

• **David Aznavoorian of Tewksbury**

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with a 92-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH.

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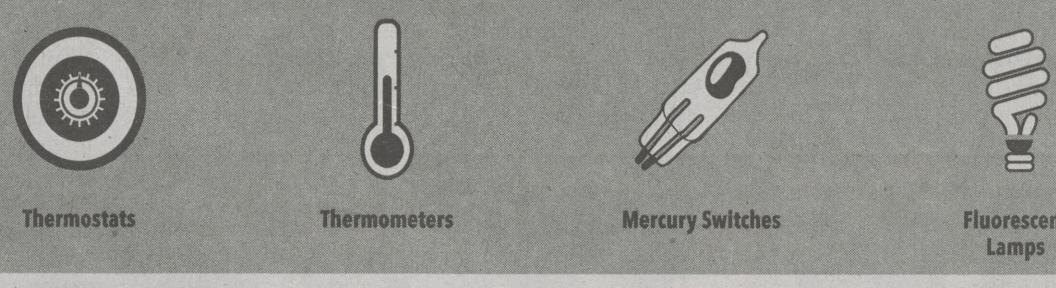

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Arthur T. Demoulas removed by board

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON/TEWKSBURY — In a statement released on Wednesday morning, Sept. 10, 2025, Market Basket Board of Directors chairperson Jay Hachigian announced that president and chief executive officer Arthur T. Demoulas was removed by the board.

According to the announcement, the board and Demoulas were unable to come to acceptable terms during the Sept. 3 mediation session conducted in Delaware.

The statement read, "The Market Basket Board late yesterday voted unanimously to remove Arthur T. Demoulas as President and CEO of Market Basket. The Board has filed an action in the Delaware Court of Chancery in connection with the removal."

The mediation, which was confidential, went before former Vice Chancellor Joseph Slights III and continued via video conference on Sept. 9. The parties agreed not to comment publicly during that time, according to the news release.

In a statement from the board, employee and shopper concerns were addressed.

"We assure our valued associates and customers that, as we have demonstrated over the past several months, Market Basket will not change its operations, profit-sharing, bonuses or culture, and will continue to offer the best groceries at the lowest prices anywhere in New England — well into the future."

The board filed a complaint in Delaware against Demoulas underscoring its reasons for removal of Demoulas, claiming Demoulas wanted "autocratic control" of the company.

According to a statement issued by Justine Griffn, spokesperson for Demoulas, "Arthur T. Demoulas is deeply disappointed that mediation failed despite his very determined efforts to reach a resolution. Over time, it became clear to us that this was not a good faith effort by the board or his sisters to reach agreement on the issues created by their abrupt actions placing Arthur T. Demoulas, his family and members of his senior management team on leave. It is now crystal clear that they had no intention of reinstating Mr. Demoulas."

Griffin went on to say, "As we said on May 28, the Board's actions are a farcical cover up for a coup. The so-called investigation was designed from the start to falsely tarnish the reputation of Mr. Demoulas and his leadership team. Mediation has now demonstrated that to be true. These three board members and the sisters who elected them have removed the senior leadership of the company and all independent board members.

"All of this is in clear violation of their fiduciary duty — they took a company that was operating at peak performance and recklessly threw it into turmoil and did so in a needlessly public manner and on baseless grounds fabricated from the start."

Griffin addressed the board's release of Demoulas.

"Their predetermined actions are further made clear by the fact that they fired Mr. Demoulas in a 10:30 p.m. board meeting last night, without providing him any meaningful opportunity to be heard, in violation of the company bylaws."

According to Griffin, "Throughout this ordeal, Mr. Demoulas has remained committed to his single goal — to return to Market Basket to work alongside the 32,000 Associates. That has been his sole focus since the unwarranted actions of May 28 and remains his focus today. He knew that there was a path to resolution and he was confident that if the board shared these priorities, agreement could be reached.

"That is why the failure of mediation is so deeply disappointing to Mr. Demoulas. He firmly believed that there was a way. That proved not to be true.

"Mr. Demoulas' passion for the company and his care for the associates remains unchanged. "

Tewksbury shows support for Artie T.

Mediation talks took place on Sept. 3 in Delaware between ousted CEO Arthur T. Demoulas and the board of directors. This week, the board officially removed Demoulas. Regardless, signs like this one on Main Street have been seen on a few lawns in Tewksbury, showing support for the well known leader of the 90 unit family grocery chain. (Paige Impink photo)

Tewksbury Library News:

Take a hike at Rogers Park on Saturday, Sept. 20

Event Registration
Please register online using our Calendar of Events at *www.tewksbury-pl.org* or by calling 978-640-4490. We strongly recommend registration for programs that are marked *RR.

Adult Events (In-Person)

Queen Bean Coffee Truck at TPL
Monday, Sept. 15, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Celebrate National Library Card Month with TPL and Queen Bean Coffee Truck Mondays in September starting September 8th. Grab a mid-morning or afternoon pick me up right outside the library's front doors! Queen Bean of Wilmington will be parked right outside the library to bring you cold brew along with iced and hot coffee and espresso drinks (available for purchase).

CrafterDARK
Monday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.
Calling all knitters, crocheters, needle workers, beaders, and colorists! Bring your own craft project to the Library and work on it while enjoying conversation with other crafters. (Please, no crafts involving glue or paint.) Take advantage of the many books available at the library to get ideas for your next project or to explore a new craft.

Book a Tech Help Appointment! (*RR)
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2 - 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, 3 - 4 p.m.
You can book a TPL Librarian for 30 minutes to help you with your technology questions. You may book up to twice a month, one question per session. Ask about: Using Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy and other library resources; Basic computer skills; Basic tablet skills; Basic phone skills; Using email; and Using Microsoft Office and comparable programs.

Now Playing Film Club (*RR)
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.
Love chatting about movies new and old? This is the place for you! Join fellow cinephiles four times a year to dig into a recently released film and chat through the plot, themes, cast, cinematography, and more. This month we'll chat about Godzilla Minus One (2023) directed by Takashi Yamazaki and starring Minami Hamabe, Ryûnosuke Kamiki, and Sakura Andô. This film is rated PG-13. Meetings will take place in the second floor Trustees Room. DVD copies of the film can be borrowed from TPL or through our wider library network of MVLC. Please click here to access the library's online catalog to locate a copy. We will not view the film as part of our meetings, kindly review the film at home!

MassHire Lowell Mobile Career Center
Wednesday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
The MassHire Lowell Mobile Career Center is visiting Tewksbury! Every Wednesday from August 6-October 29, the Mobile Career Center will be parked outside the library from 10AM-2PM to help job seekers. The MassHire Lowell Mobile Career Center is a mobile bus unit that has been equipped with solar panels to power workstations within the bus to allow for Career Center services to hit the road to all of our local communities, cities and towns. It will provide information on: Career Services; Current Training Programs; Job Search Events; and Hiring Events.

CrafterNOON
Wednesday, Sept. 17, 1:30 p.m.
Calling all knitters, crocheters, needle workers, beaders, and colorers! Bring your own craft project to the Library and work on it while enjoying conversation with other crafters. (Please, no crafts involving glue or paint.) Take advantage of the many books available at the library to get ideas for your next project or to explore a new craft.

Other Worlds Fantasy Book Group (*RR)
Wednesday, Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m.
For September we're reading A Deadly Education by Naomi Novik. Enter a school of magic unlike any you have ever encountered: There are no teachers, no holidays, and no friendships save strategic ones. Survival is more important than any letter grade, for the school won't allow its students to leave until they graduate... or die. Copies of the book are available at the Front Desk one month prior to meeting.

MORNING MOVIE — Lilo & Stitch (*RR)
Thursday, Sept. 18, 10:30 a.m.
Enjoy a screening of one of Hollywood's newest DVD releases — Lilo & Stitch (2025). A lonely Hawaiian girl befriends a runaway alien, helping to mend her fragmented family. Sci-Fi/Comedy/Action/Adventure. Rated PG. 1 Hour, 48 Minutes. Doors will open at 10am. Film will start at 10:30am. Candy & water will be served. A $1 donation is suggested.

AFTERNOON MOVIE — Karate Kid: Legends (*RR)
Friday, Sept. 19, 2 p.m.
Enjoy a screening of one of Hollywood's newest DVD releases — Karate Kid: Legends. After kung fu prodigy Li Fong relocates to New York City, he attracts unwanted attention from a local karate champion and embarks on a journey to enter the ultimate karate competition with the help of Mr. Han and Daniel LaRusso. Starring Jackie Chan, Ben Wang and Ralph Macchio. Action/Drama. Rated PG-13. 1 Hour, 34 Minutes. Doors will open at 1:45pm. Candy & water will be served. A $1 donation is suggested.

Take A Hike At Rogers Park (*RR)
Saturday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m.
The Tewksbury Open Space & Recreation Committee and the Tewksbury Public Library invite you to take a guided hike at Rogers Park. The hike will be led by Open Space & Recreation Committee member Tom Branchaud. This easy hike is 1.6 miles long and will last approximately 75 minutes. Please park in the Rogers Park parking lot and, when full, along Kennedy Road. Do not block driveways. This hike is limited to 30 cars.

Adult Events (Virtual)

An Evening with Romantasy Author Alysha Rameera (*RR)
Monday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.
Enjoy a conversation with debut romantasy (romance/fantasy) author Alysha Rameera, who will discuss her latest book, Her Soul for a Crown. This epic, slow-burn romantasy inspired by Sri Lankan mythology follows a fierce orphaned young woman with an affinity for poisons and revenge who would do anything to end the reign of heartless — even sell her soul to the most dangerous cursed god of all — the Blood Yakka, Reeri.

Nature Travel To Nova Scotia (*RR)
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2 p.m.
Learn about the history and nature of Nova Scotia, as well as its long ties to New England. See how farming has changed in the Annapolis Valley from the unique techniques of the earliest French settlers of Grand Pre, now a UNESCO World Heritage site, to the vineyards of today. Visit the historic port and homes of Yarmouth and learn about the "Age of Sail" and the role it played in the 18th and 19th century as people traveled back and forth to the US. Wildlife also migrates back and forth between our two countries. See birds and butterflies in ancient fields and seals and seabirds along the rugged coast that is dotted with picturesque lighthouses even today. Enjoy a virtual visit to our neighbor to the North. Led by Joy Marzolf, owner of "The Joys of Nature," which runs nature, nature travel and live animal programs for all ages. Marzolf, a wildlife photographer, previously worked as a Naturalist and Educator at Mass Audubon's Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary.

Genealogy & The Power of Connection In Early America (*RR)
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.
Dr. Karin Wulf, historian at Brown University, will discuss her new book, Lineage: Genealogy and the Power of Connection in Early America. Learn how genealogy was more than a simple record of family ties; it was a powerful force that shaped society. English, African and Indigenous men and women used written family histories to demonstrate legitimacy in eighteenth-century America. Wulf will also take questions about the importance of documenting kinship for Early Americans of every background.

Public Health Fair at Public Health Museum

TEWKSBURY — The Public Health Museum is pleased to announce it's second annual Public Health Fair. Receive free health screenings, get your flu shot, and learn about public health!

The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., offering free tours, short topic talks, and a variety of health screening and free health information.

- Get flu shots from Letourneau's Pharmacy
- Learn about reduced cost dental cleanings from students at Middlesex Community College
- Get EPI pen training from the Merrimack Valley Reserve Corps
- Save a life with NARCAN training from Prevention Partners of Northern Middlesex
- Receive a nutritional screening with the U MASS Lowell Health van
- Giveaways and more!

For the full schedule of events visit *www.publichealthmuseum.org*

About The Public Health Museum

For 30 years, the museum has shared the history of public health through artifacts and exhibits. Learn about Infectious Diseases, Patent Medicines, Food Safety and Pasteurization, early Mental Health, Nursing/Education, early Dentistry, HIV/AIDs and more. The museum also features an iron lung; a life-saving machine for those stricken with polio. School and group tours available.

Tours and more at *publichealthmuseum.org*

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Lifestyle

Enjoy the 2025 BOSTON LOCAL FOOD FESTIVAL

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

While looking for something to do this weekend, you may want to consider getting out your expandable-waistband pants and join foodies from all over New England as they enjoy some of the region's finest food at the 2025 Boston Local Food Festival.

This is one of New England's largest one day food events, and has been enjoyed by food lovers since 2009.

Hosted by the Sustainable Business Network of Massachusetts' Boston Local Food Program, this festival helps promote the use of locally grown food products by emphasizing on the positive impact locally grown food has on the environment, the local economy and individual health and wellness.

Visitors to the festival can sample cuisines from around the world prepared by almost 100 different local food vendors.

Between food bites, visitors are also welcome to participate in many different food activities and games, all while being surrounded by the beauty of the scenic Rose Kennedy Greenway.

Besides experiencing an abundance of local foods and flavors, guests can pick up a few tricks of the trade throughout the day at one of the many free cooking demonstrations.

Demonstrations include a pickling demo, making ancient drinking chocolate, and learning the art of adding edible flowers to shortbread cookies.

After learning how to cook some of your favorite foods, enjoy watching the heat of battle in the kitchen at the popular Seafood Throwdown.

This cooking competition features top local chefs competing in the kitchen by preparing several locally caught seafoods.

Take a break between all food sampling and preparations by stopping by the Family Fun Zone, which offers plenty of open-ended play, animal interaction and scheduled fun activities.

These food related fun activities include Vegie Print Making, Crab Smashing and Tasting and Edible Native Plant Tasting and Seed-Bomb Making.

. The Fun Zone also offers face painting, lawn games and story time with an origami activity.

While you are enjoying food made with plenty of locally sourced ingredients, stop by the New England Village Gallery to learn how this program strives to have our region produce at least 50 percent of New England's consumed foods by 2060.

The Boston Local Food Festival is also proud to take the zero-waste challenge, and aims to divert 90 percent of their disposables to compost or recycling.

Admission to the Boston Local Food Festival is free, and this delicious event takes place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14 (with a rain date of Sept. 21).

The festival is held on the Rose Kennedy Greenway, located at 191W Atlantic Ave. in Boston, with multiple places to park parallel to the Greenway, or is easily accessible from public transportation.

For more information on the 2025 Boston Local Food Festival, and to see a full schedule of planned events at the festival, visit *www.bostonlocalfood.org*.

Shred it up on September 20th!

Charlie Ryder, Nathan Harmon, and branch manager Samantha Carignan worked with Mike Cardello of E.L. Harvey for Enterprise Bank's paper shredding event on Saturday. The Main Street location in Tewksbury hosted free paper shredding for the community as part of its monthly outreach programs. Each month, a different location offers shredding. The next shred event is Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Pelham / Hobbs Community / Senior Center, 8 Nashua Road, Pelham, NH.

(Paige Impink photo)

Fisher graduates from Emerson College

BOSTON — Emerson College awarded approximately 1,000 undergraduate degrees to the Class of 2025 during its 145th Commencement at Agganis Arena in Boston on Sunday, May 11, 2025.

Juliana Fisher of Tewksbury received a BA in Writing, Lit and Publishing.

Emmy and Golden Globe-winning actress and Performing Arts alum Jennifer Coolidge gave the commencement address. Both Coolidge and the College's retiring vice president of government affairs and community relations, Margaret Ings, received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

"Emerson has ignited these seemingly unattainable possibilities for you that now can be your reality," said Jennifer Coolidge. "It is your ability to convince yourself you really can make it, because you have to be your own champion."

About Emerson College

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Lifestyle

Hunting trolls in Rhode Island

▶ Iver Mudslider is ready for some fun at Ryan Park in North Kingstown, Rhode Island.

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

Trolls have invaded Rhode Island. Real, giant and charming, the Thomas Dambo trolls have taken over the woodlands and wetlands of the Ocean State and you simply must make plans to visit all of them.

Dambo, a world-renowned installation artist, uses recycled materials to create fanciful creatures in natural settings as a way to educate and inspire people to care for the earth. The trolls, scattered all over the world, are not readily visible, with most requiring a walk of some sort to access them.

Rhode Island has five trolls to date with two more on the way in 2026. Started in 2024 as a way to boost tourism with an eco-friendly bent, the first gentle giants appeared in Charlestown's Ninigret Park.

We started our journey there, walking the park and discovering Erik Rock and Greta Granite. The trolls are easy to get to and many people enjoy taking their photo with the environmental ambassadors. The wooden structures are made with staves — the wooden ribs of whiskey or wine barrels.

From Charlestown we headed to North Kingstown. We met Iver Mudslider, a very cheerful imp who's ready to slide right down the hill.

The trolls are integrated into the landscape masterfully — holding onto trees, bending a foot or a leg, or propping on a rock. And on a rock is where we encountered Young Boulder at the Acadia Management Area's Browning Mill Pond.

It is clear that Dambo scouts the areas and has a knack for marrying his vision with the surrounding natural features. Each character has a distinct charm and personality.

Our last stop was in East Providence where we found Mrs. Skipper — aptly named and located in a very unexpected but perfect location. Truly these public art installations are magnificent and a joyful enhancement to each location they occupy. I won't disclose the surprise.

It should be noted that the trolls each have small details that should be admired. We noticed that the Rhode Island trolls all had some type of birdhouse woven into their design.

Dambo often creates a story, scavenger hunt or puzzle with his works that may lead you to yet another site. While not obvious yet, we expect that once the last trolls are installed, a story will emerge.

Surely one need not visit all the trolls in a single day, but if you are up for a day trip adventure, this is a great one to consider. We've started tracking our troll finds on the Thomas Dambo website, and use his Troll map as a guide — *www.trollmap.com* or *www.thomasdambo.com*.

◀ Mrs. Skipper, one of the newest trolls on the Rhode Island trail, looks out over the Providence River at Kettle Point, near the East Bay Bike Path in East Providence.

(Paige Impink photos)

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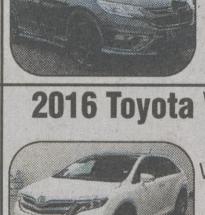
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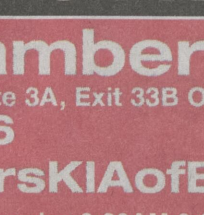
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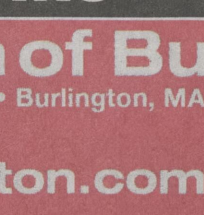
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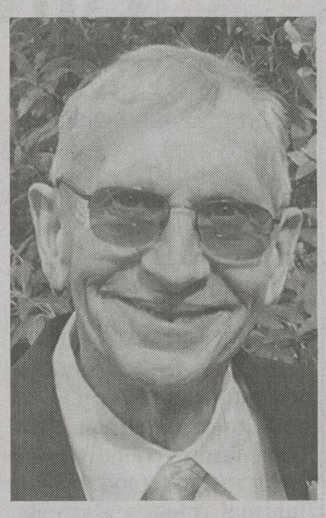
OBITUARIES

Francis Robert 'Fran' Dodge

Served in the United States Navy



Francis Robert Dodge, affectionately known as "Fran" age 84, of Wilmington passed away peacefully at home on Aug. 29, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Fran was born on June 22, 1941, the son of the late Pauline (Harrington) Gerbick and the late William Dodge. He was raised in Winchester and graduated in 1959 from Winchester High School.

Upon graduation, Fran enlisted in the United States Navy. Fran served proudly on active duty until June of 1962, when he was honorably discharged.

During his time in the service he married his high school sweetheart, Sandra M. Eshbach, in December, 1961. A few years later, the couple settled in Wilmington where they raised a beautiful family of five children. They shared a lasting marriage of 63 years together built on love, respect and strong family values.

They were true partners, celebrating life's joys and facing its trials together. Fran was a committed husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He made it a priority to be present for every event whether it was hockey, football, soccer, basketball, track meet, cheering competition, school event, or award ceremony.

Fran was immensely proud of his family.

For many years he worked as a postal clerk at the U.S. Post Office before retiring in 2001. Known for his friendly personality and commitment to service, Fran went above and beyond for both customers and coworkers.

He also served as Union Representative for the Wilmington and Tewksbury branches, always advocating for fairness and standing up for his fellow employees.

In his free time, he enjoyed listening to music, reading, playing tennis, fishing, taking road trips — especially to Myrtle Beach to visit family — attending concerts, and cheering on all of his favorite New England sports teams.

Fran will be fondly remembered as a kind, gentle man with a witty sense of humor and heart of gold. He was always ready to lend a hand, offer support, or share a moment of wisdom. His unconditional love for his family and friends left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him.

Fran is survived by his devoted wife Sandra M. (Eshbach) Dodge; beloved father of Bob Dodge and his wife Laurie of Wilmington, Susan Brady of Haverhill, Jenny Solimine of NH and son-in-law Michael Benson of SC.

Loving "Papa" of Kayla Nally and her husband Craig, Cora Rollins, Bobby Dodge.

Cherished "Great-Papa" of Madeline and Juliette Nally, whom he adored. He was the dear brother of Steven Gerbick and his wife Ellen of Woburn, Mary Ellen Forney of PA and many nephews and nieces and friends.

Fran is predeceased by his daughter Linda Sullivan and son-in-law Robert Sullivan, his daughter Kerry Benson and granddaughter Riley Benson, son-in-law Scott Solimine, brother John Gerbick, brother Frank Gerbick, sister Marlene Comita, and sister Barbara Cotter.

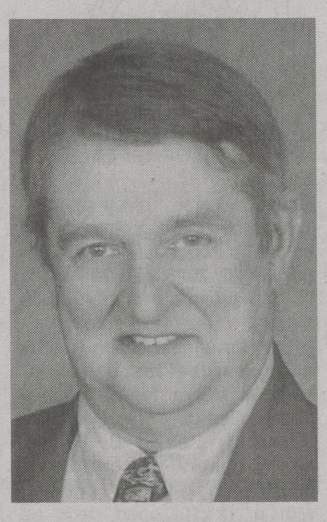
Family and friends gathered for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Monday, Sept. 8 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. A Service to Celebrate Frank's life took place at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 11 a.m. followed by his interment with Military Honors in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Fran's memory to the MSPCA at Nevin's Farm, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at *www.nicholsfuneralhome.com*

John A. Lynch

Loved coaching kids' sports teams



John A. Lynch, age 77, of Tewksbury, formerly a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully following an illness on Sept. 3, 2025.

John was born on Feb. 26, 1948, in Boston; he was the son of the late Robert "George" and Jane (Wilk) Lynch.

John grew up on Walnut Street in Somerville, alongside his siblings Robert, Deborah, and Thomas and cousin Joseph. At a young age, John developed a true love for all things sports. He attended Malden Catholic, excelling in hockey, baseball, and mathematics.

A strong student, John went on to Boston College in Chestnut Hill, graduating with a Bachelor's in Business Administration.

John met Beryl in Somerville while playing softball for Piro's Pipers, and they married on Oct. 21, 1973. John and Beryl welcomed Johnny in 1977 and Maura in 1981, and moved to 434 Middlesex Ave. in Wilmington.

John began a long career as a Transportation Terminal Manager, working for many years at Central Transport. John also worked as a real estate agent.

While Johnny and Maura were growing up, John enjoyed coaching their baseball and softball teams and watching their high school games.

John loved vacations to Hampton Beach, Maine, the Balsams, and cruises to the Caribbean. Watching the Red Sox and Bruins, playing golf, running errands, doing his paper route, and waking up early to make coffee and read *The Boston Globe* were some of his favorite things.

John was deeply devoted to his family and friends and his Catholic faith.

John was the beloved husband of Beryl A. (Mc Grath) Lynch, devoted father of John Lynch of Haverhill and Maura Gillis and her husband Tim of Wilmington, loving "Papi" of Richie and Timmy Gillis, dear brother of Robert Lynch and Deborah Lynch both of Medford, Thomas Lynch and his wife Gale of Danvers and cousin Joseph Lynch and his wife Joan of Dracut, brother-in-law of Jay and Donna McGrath of Wilmington, NC.

John is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Friday, Sept. 12 from 9 - 11 a.m. immediately followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Memorial donations in John's name may be made to the Flutie Foundation, 1661 Worcester Road, Suite 205B, Framingham, MA 01701 or to Melmark New England, 461 River Road, Andover, MA 01810. *www.nicholsfuneralhome.com*

Dolores Anne (Kinkaid) Ouellette

Loved golfing, the beach; had a green thumb

Dolores Anne (Kinkaid) Ouellette, age 82, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away on Sept. 8, 2025.

Dolores was born on April 9, 1943, in Portsmouth, NH. She was the cherished daughter of the late Arthur J. and Florine M. (Rinalducci) Kinkaid. Dolores was raised in Portsmouth and graduated from Portsmouth High School and Fisher College in Boston.

Dolores was the beloved wife of Leonard P. Ouellette, devoted mother of Kevin Ouellette and his wife Michelle of Wellesley and Nicole Soule and her husband Aaron of Marblehead, loving "Nana" of Andrew Ouellette, Matthew Ouellette, Jacob Soule, and Dylan Soule, and dear sister of Dorothy Sandquist and her husband Carl of Florida and sister-in-law of Donald and Donna Ouellette of Wilmington and the late Suzanne and Andre Hebert of Maine.

Dolores was also the aunt of Brian Ouellette, Eric Ouellette, Karen Bowden, Matthew Ouellette, and Brett Sandquist.

After graduating from Fisher in 1963, Dolores worked as a legal secretary at Choate Hall & Stewart in Boston. She met Lennie at a Christmas cocktail party in 1965, and they wed in Portsmouth, NH, on June 24, 1967.

They moved to Wilmington in 1969, where they've resided ever since. Dolores loved attending her children's and her grandchildren's performances and sporting events.

She was an avid golfer, playing often with her family and friends in New England and Florida.

She loved the beach — in NH, on Cape Cod, and in Florida.

She had a green thumb and could frequently be seen tending to her gardens and flowers.

And she loved a friendly game of hearts, whist, or dominoes.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Monday, Sept. 15, from 9 - 10 a.m., immediately followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, at 10:30 a.m. Interment to follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Memorial donations in Dolores's name may be made to the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association (*https://www.alz.org/manh*). *www.nicholsfuneralhome.com*

Healey-Driscoll Administration opens application for $60M in career technical education capital funding

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that applications are now open for comprehensive high schools and career technical schools to apply for $60 million in Career Technical Education (CTE) program capital grants. This multi-year funding will support over 2,000 new CTE seats through expansion of existing and new career tech programs, as well as for the purchase and installation of training equipment.

The capital grants, made possible through Fair Share funding, will enable new programs that meet the workforce needs of regional employers.

Projects will be prioritized that offer more CTE programs at night and on weekends to serve more high school students and adult learners and in geographic areas that have long waitlists and limited regional capacity.

"We know there is a strong demand for Career Technical Education because it is proven to give students the skills they need to succeed in today's workforce. This capital investment project answers the call for more seats and additional program hours across the state," said Governor Maura Healey. "This multi-year expansion plan reflects our commitment to growing career pathways, closing workforce gaps, and improving career readiness for students across the state."

"Career Technical Education plays a vital role in our economy and our communities," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "By investing in facilities, equipment and flexible learning time, we're empowering more students to gain the skills they need to succeed and ensuring every region in Massachusetts benefits from these investments."

As part of the administration's "Reimagining High School" initiative, CTE programs equip students with the skills they need to succeed in today's job market through development of innovative, applied learning opportunities that align with current industry needs and provide students with high quality learning experiences that enable them to see and understand their future career paths, including continued education.

CTE programs are offered during the regular school day at approved comprehensive high schools and dedicated career technical schools. Career technical schools and comprehensive high schools also offer CTE Partnership Programs "After Dark" that take place after the school day to provide additional public-school students with access to career technical education.

Further, CTE schools provide adult learners, especially unemployed and underemployed individuals from underserved populations and underrepresented groups, with career training and technical skills to meet the needs of Massachusetts employers through the Career Technical Initiative (CTI).

"With this investment, we're giving schools the resources they need to train the next generation of skilled workers and to support adult learners who are ready to acquire new skills or change careers," said Education Secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. "CTE programs are a proven pathway to good jobs and this expansion project will allow more students to thrive and reach their full potential."

"Career Technical Education schools provide job training and placement for adult learners, positioning Massachusetts to develop a workforce pipeline for in-demand occupations in regions across the state," said Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Lauren Jones. "The Healey-Driscoll Administration appreciates partnering with CTE schools to invest these capital funds, grow critical infrastructure, and close skills gaps that will empower future talent ready to compete in high growth industries."

"Career Technical Education is one of the smartest investments we can make in Massachusetts' economy," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "At the beginning of this session, I recommitted the Senate to making historic increases in funding in this area, and I'm proud to see that commitment come to life — delivering the resources that both students and employers need to grow and compete in the global workforce. I applaud the Healey-Driscoll Administration for their leadership and for expeditiously opening these applications so schools across the Commonwealth can access these funds."

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has been expanding access to career-connected education in a variety of ways through their Reimagining High School initiative. Over the past two and a half years, the administration has approved 49 new CTE programs, supporting 2,334 additional students. Also, Governor Healey's BRIGHT Act includes $100 million for Skills Capital grants that help high schools, colleges and educational institutions upgrade technology and instructional lab spaces, expand career programs, and increase the capacity of workforce training programs. These efforts build on expansions the administration has made to Early College programs, Innovation Career Pathways, work-based learning opportunities and My Career and Academic Plan (MyCAP).

"There is huge demand for more CTE programs, and these grants will help address the need for additional capacity," said Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Pedro Martinez. "I look forward to seeing programs expand across the state to help students connect their learning with their future career."

"The MSBA has been proud to support grants for the new construction and improvements to 28 career and vocational schools as well as adding programs in academic and comprehensive high schools since 2007, paving the way for thousands of students to learn the skills needed for a successful future," said Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "As Chair of the Massachusetts School Building Authority, I am pleased to see this additional funding provided through the Fair Share Act that will continue to promote learning opportunities for CTE programs and students."

Massachusetts comprehensive high schools and dedicated career tech schools that operate CTE programs interested in this grant program can apply online. The deadline for submissions is Oct. 30, 2025, by 3 p.m. An opportunity will be available later this fall for comprehensive high schools that do not yet have a CTE program to apply for planning grants.

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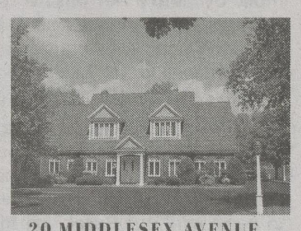

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **September 25, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.**, in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, for an application filed by **John Berube on behalf of Michael Maher** for a variance under Section 5.3.2, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for front setbacks to construct a 26'x36' single-familly dwelling with a 12'x12' open deck as shown on plans filed with the Board.

Said property is located at **300 SOUTH ST** , Assessor's Map 95 , Lot 41 zoned Residence 40 (R40).

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
250939 9/11,18/25

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **September 24, 2025, at 6:30 P.M., located at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street,** for a RDA application filed by Jacqueline Millerick for 2nd story residential addition within a wetland buffer zone..

The property subject to this application is located at **905 SOUTH ST TEWKSBURY, MA, ASSESSOR'S MAP 98-201.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Daniel Ronan
Chair
250879 9/11/25

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

Notice is hereby given that the Select Board will conduct a public hearing in accordance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 138, on **Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m**. in the Main Hall at the Town Hall, 1009 Main Street on the application of Sterling Capital d/b/a Eco Auto located at 623 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA for a one-day Entertainment License consisting of recorded music by a DJ along with amplification system which will take place outdoors and karaoke guests will be able to participate in the event. This event will take place on Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Input is welcomed from the public. The Select Board recommends that comments be submitted in writing to the Select Board, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 on or before noon time Thursday, September 18, 2025.

Mark Kratman, Chair
Select Board
250946 9/11/25

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL PERMIT, SITE PLAN REVIEW, SUBDIVISION MODIFICATION

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **September 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **CID 2025 Acquisitions, LLC** for a Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 and Special Permit under Section 3.5 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, as well as a Modification to the Subdivision to subdivide the existing parcels which includes an industrial building thereon and re-align the right of way and corresponding lots to the existing roadway serving the building, as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 832 & 836 North Street, Assessor's Map 52, Lots 41 & 1, zoned Office Research.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
250918 9/4,11/25

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

INVITATION FOR BIDS

South Dakota Trip

The Town of Wilmington will be accepting bids to conduct a group trip to South Dakota. Sealed bids, marked **"Bid for South Dakota Trip"** on the envelope, will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 until, **Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 10 AM.**

Specifications may be obtained at the Town of Wilmington Purchasing Department website: https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department. Proposals may not be submitted via email.

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to reject the bid or any part thereof deemed not to be in the interest of the Town of Wilmington. The Town shall not be responsible for bids arriving late due to couriers, deliveries to wrong locations, express mailing services, delays related to the processing of mail requests, or any other reason. Postmarks will not be considered.

For further questions concerning this Request for Proposals must be submitted in writing and emailed to BSawin@WilmingtonMA.Gov.

R. Eric Slagle
Town Manager
250936 9/11/24

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI25P4450EA

Estate of:
Harold W. McCarthy
Also Known As:
Harold McCarthy
Date of Death:
February 27, 2025

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Linda M. McCarthy of Tewksbury MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Linda M. McCarthy of Tewksbury MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
250941 9/11/25

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

Docket No. MI21P6038GDGD

In the Interests of:
Nelson M Diaz-Archilla
Of: Tewksbury, MA

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person / Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Jose J Diaz Torres of Tewksbury, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Remove the Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefor should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of **09/24/2025.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 27, 2025

Tara DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
250911 9/11/25

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI25P4618EA

Estate of:
Albert M Miano
Date of Death: 06/21/2025

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Mary M Miano of Tewksbury MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Mary M Miano of Tewksbury MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/30/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 02, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
250935 9/11/25

Walmart approved for improved curbside pickup

By ROSALYN IMPINK
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TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Planning Board met on Sept. 8, 2025 at town hall.

Town Planner Alex Lowder announced the town's annual Fall-O-Ween Celebration will be held on Oct. 19 from 1 - 4 p.m. at the town common. The free, family-friendly event will include food trucks, animal meet-and-greets, pumpkin decorating, and sensory-friendly Halloween activities.

The town will also be hosting informational sessions to solicit feedback for an upcoming opportunity to improve recreational use at the former Poplar Street Well Fields site and discuss the restoration work at both Poplar Street and Mollie Drive.

The session will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025 in two parts: a site walk at Poplar Street at 4 p.m. followed by a discussion at the Tewksbury Senior Center from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Residents interested in this event will meet at the end of Poplar Street for a site walk then meet at the Senior Center for a follow-up discussion. Registration is available online at *www.tewksbury-ma.gov/restoration*.

The board endorsed an approval not required plan for 100-110 French St. to change lot lines, and approved a family suite special permit at 94 North St.

Two agenda items were continued to October meetings at the request of the applicants: a site plan review, special permit, and land disturbance permit application for BLJB Holdings at 15 & 41 Astle St., and a site plan review, special permit, and land disturbance permit application for Asphalt Services Inc. at 913 East St.

The board returned to an ongoing discussion on a site plan review application at 485 Main St. The owners of Chez Pierre salon are seeking to add a second-story residential unit for family use.

Member Karen Difruscia recused herself from the discussion. The owner's representatives explained that peer engineering comments have been addressed and reviewed several waiver requests, including setbacks, dumpster services, and tree removal.

The board felt that some waivers were non-negotiable.

"There's a lot going on on this site and it requires a lot of waivers because you're trying to do things that aren't fitting," said chair Steve Johnson. "It's just a lot to ask of the board to grant waivers for so much to squeeze things in on what everyone knew from the beginning is not a big lot to begin with."

The board continued the item to the Oct. 6 meeting to give the proponent time to review members' feedback.

The board returned to a discussion on a site plan review application for Walmart at 333 Main St. The superstore is looking to improve curbside pickup options on the site by creating space for online order stocking within the store's existing footprint. New directional signage will seek to improve the flow of vehicles picking up orders.

After reviewing technical comments, the board approved the application.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 22, 2025. Watch previous meetings online at *www.youtube.com/TewksburyTV*.

Upcoming local events

September 11, Tewksbury Community Market, 4 - 7 p.m., Livingston Street Recreation Complex, *www.tewksburymarket.com* Over 30 vendors, food trucks, farmers, crafts, games and more.

September 11, 9/11 Memorial Service, 7 p.m. at 300 Chandler St.

September 13, Beep Ball Tournament at Livingston Park. 1 p.m. Tewksbury Lions Club Fundraising event. Come watch Boston Strong vs. the TFD, and Winners vs. Boston Renegades.

September 14, Wilmington Farmer's Market, Swain Green, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Over 20 vendors, food trucks, farmers, crafts, games! *Wilmingtonfarmersmarket.com*

September 15, Alternative House 29th Annual Golf Fundraiser, Trull Brook Gold and Tennis Center, Tewksbury. Sponsorships available and registration: *charitygolftoday.com/AHgolfclassic*

September 18, Strong Hearts, Strong Minds, Strongwater Farm Gala, Vesper Country Club, Tyngsboro. 5:30 p.m. *https://strongwaterfarm.org/gala/*

September 19, 7 - 10 p.m, The Silvertones Swing Band. Tewksbury Senior Center- $10.

September 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Free Community Health Fair, Public Health Museum. Flu shots, talks, free health screenings, giveaways. *Publichealthmuseum.org*

October 8, Power of Flowers Spread the Joy Annual Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Public Health Museum, **Thursdays and Saturdays**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 365 East St. on the campus of Tewksbury Hospital. *Publichealthmuseum.org*

Book Store Next Door, **Saturdays**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults $3, seniors and youth age 3-12 $2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, **Mondays and Tuesdays**, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, **Saturdays and Sundays**, Noon - 4 p.m., 71 Faulkner St., North Billerica

Students named to President's List at SNHU

MANCHESTER, NH — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the summer 2025 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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- **Luisa Cardona of Tewksbury**
- **Gregg Bennett of Tewksbury**
- **James Dufield of Tewksbury**
- **Jordan Hamel of Tewksbury**
- **Meegan Lord of Tewksbury**
- **Andrea Piscopo of Tewksbury**
- **Kristen Godin of Tewksbury**
- **Gia Gimilaro of Wilmington**
- **Angela Scolastico of Wilmington**
- **Ashlyn Turner of Wilmington**
- **Alisha DiNuccio of Wilmington**
- **Victoria Ciampa of Wilmington**

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with a 92-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults.

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Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

Building to cost $173M with $62M from the MSBA

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facility for half of the town's students at once, and further the educational goals of the district.

The site was deemed optimal compared to the Woburn Street School site which would require expensive retaining walls.

Per the presentation, the total cost for the construction of the school is over $173 million. The town is set to receive over $62 million from the MSBA. The project has gone from feasibility study where they identified a preferred grade configuration and chose a site location into schematic design which is just ending, and they are moving into project funding now that the MSBA confirmed the amount to be reimbursed.

This phase also requires the second ballot vote scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 16.

The town's current funding plan is to use $15 million from the Capital Stabilization Fund and to borrow the remaining $96 million. This plus $62 million equals the $173 million total.

The money would be borrowed with a 30-year fixed payment bond, and they expect an interest rate of 4.5 percent. Slagle specified that they worked to drive down the tax impact to residents. Compared to the cost of other towns' average tax impact for recent new schools, Wilmington came in very low at $422 annually, with other towns average annual impact as high as $1,000.

On the following Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., residents will be asked to vote on the debt exclusion to allow the related money borrowing to take place. Residents in precincts one, two, and three can vote at the senior center at 130 Main St.; and residents in precincts four, five, and six can vote at the town hall at 121 Glen Road.

There has also been early voting at the town hall during town hall hours, which ends on Sept. 12. This will be a single ballot question asking whether the town should be allowed to take the funds for the school exempt from Proposition two and a half.

Should either vote fail, Slagle estimated that it would take Wilmington 7-8 years to get back into the MSBA unless the town can come up with a new plan and get the votes to pass. By that time, construction costs could increase about 25-35 percent.

The educational impacts of the failed votes will be that students and teachers continue to be split between buildings, teacher collaboration remaining difficult, and classes cannot be added as quickly as the school district would like.

As for the buildings, a permanent solution will be needed as soon as possible for the students at the Wildwood who are currently housed at the West Intermediate School and the middle school, and the town will still have to deal with five other schools needing major upgrades sooner than later.

Slagle mentioned in the Finance Committee presentation that check-in for Sept. 13 starts at 8 a.m. and invited residents to show up early. He said that they've prepared multiple spaces for residents to park that day and several rooms in which to attend the meeting at the high school.

57th annual Halloween Horribles Parade to take place on Sunday, Oct. 26

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around the world and their caretakers.

A few board members wanted to see a drink limit set. Hardy suggested that most people would have a maximum of two drinks. West proposed a maximum of two drinks. Gearwar recalled the drink maximum set for Fall Fest as three, wanting to set the same standard rather than a different one here. Kevin Caira and Maselli agreed.

Walderzak also assured the board members that the bartenders would make sure that no one is over served.

The board, therefore, voted in favor of the license with a three-drink maximum per guest.

Recreation Director Brett Sawin requested permission from the board to host the 57th annual Horribles Parade on Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025. The board approved this request.

The board also received two license requests to sell Christmas trees from John Arvanitis on behalf of the Wilmington Methodist Church and Benjamin DeGennaro on behalf of Boy Scouts of America Troop 56. West pointed out that there was a slight discrepancy between the two licenses, but the police chief recommended approval of both licenses.

The board still voted to approve.

A request was made by Christine Carnavale for the Wilmington Farmer's Market to stay open late on Sunday, Oct. 5 until 3 p.m. The purpose of the extended hours was to host a fundraising cornhole tournament.

Slagle provided that there were no conflicts with that date, so the board moved accordingly in approval.

The last request was made by Julia Burke on behalf of Theater on the Fence to use the town common and municipal parking lot on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a rain date of Oct. 12.

West noted that the request included how they wanted to be able to put up tents on the town common if it rained. Slagle said that depending on the size of the tents they wanted to use, they may need approval from the Building Commissioner.

Caira asked if they needed a police detail, and the answer was that the town replied to the request suggesting they discuss with the police department.

The board approved this request with all of this in mind.

(Courtesy photo)

Flip the Bird closes North Woburn location

WOBURN — Flip the Bird has closed its Woburn location after several years in business, the restaurant's owner announced in a Facebook post.

"Running a small but growing business comes with extreme highs and lows. Unfortunately this is a low. We have come to the decision to close the Woburn location of Flip the Bird," the post said.

The owner said staff were notified more than two weeks ago and given time to find new jobs. Employees were also offered positions at the chain's other restaurants.

"All our team members have also been offered jobs at other locations of Flip The Bird and some of them are already in the process of transferring to Beverly and Danvers," the post read.

The final week of business was intended as a thank-you to loyal customers, but "circumstances beyond our control did not allow for us to do that," the post said.

The restaurant thanked Woburn residents for their support and encouraged customers to visit Flip the Bird's other locations in Beverly, Danvers, Swampscott and soon-to-open North Andover.

"You never know, you just might see a friendly familiar face from the Woburn location," the post said.

Flip the Bird opened in North Woburn in 2023 and replaced WuBurger, across from Ferullo Field.

Owners Anthony Marino and Victoria Farnsworth own the restaurants that grew out of the "Fried Chicken Fridays" they used to have at the former Marino's Cafe in Beverly. Marino's transformed into Flip The Bird in 2019 and soon gained a fervent following among fried chicken fans across the North Shore.

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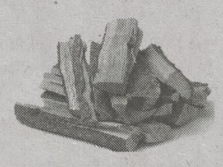

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RMLD welcomes interim general manager Paul Heanue

READING — The Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) and the RMLD Board of Commissioners (Board) announced that Paul Heanue will serve as interim general manager, effective Aug. 25, 2025. Heanue brings decades of utility experience, including 10 years as general manager for Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant.

"We are excited to have Paul on board as we move forward with the search for a new general manager," said RMLD Board of Commissioners Chair Pam Daskalakis. "His broad background and extensive electrical utility knowledge will be an asset to RMLD during this time of transition. The Board is confident in the direction we are heading and excited about working with Paul for the next few months."

"RMLD has a solid reputation for exceptional service and for providing reliable, low-cost, and increasingly non-carbon energy to its customers," said RMLD Interim General Manager Paul Heanue. "I am excited to work with such a talented and dedicated team, and to serve the communities of Lynnfield Center, North Reading, Reading, and Wilmington while the Board conducts its search for a permanent general manager."

Heanue brings more than 35 years of leadership experience in the electric utility industry to RMLD. Most recently, he served as General Manager of the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant (HMLP) from 2011 to 2021, where he led utility operations, strategic planning, budgeting, communications, and policy development.

Prior to that, he served as HMLP's Assistant General Manager, where he directed successful initiatives in customer service, metering, and organizational improvement. Earlier in his career, Heanue held senior roles at NSTAR Electric and ComEnergy.

His background also includes extensive labor relations experience, having served as both a union president and a corporate labor administrator.

Heanue holds a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Northeastern University, a Bachelor of Arts degree in labor studies from the University of Massachusetts Boston, and an MBA from Nichols College.

The Board is continuing with the search process to identify a general manager candidate with the appropriate expertise to lead one of the largest municipal light plants in Massachusetts. During this transition, RMLD will continue to deliver on its mission to provide customers with reliable, low-cost, and increasingly non-carbon energy.

Any questions may be directed to *RMLDBOC@rmld.com*.

About Reading Municipal Light Department

Established in 1894, Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) is a municipal electric utility serving over 70,000 residents in Reading, North Reading, Wilmington, and Lynnfield Center, Massachusetts. RMLD is the largest of the 40 municipal light departments in Massachusetts based on electricity load, is not-for-profit and is locally owned and controlled. The RMLD is committed to serving our customers with reliable, low-cost, and increasingly non-carbon energy.

For more information visit: *rmld.com*.

Happy Anniversary, Nathalie!

▲ Wilmington Public Library Director Nathalie Harty recently celebrated her first anniversary with WML on Thursday, Sept. 4! Harty was the Teen Librarian nearly 20 years ago and returned last year as director. "Her heart has been with us all along, and we're so glad she's back!" the library said in a Facebook post celebrating her first year as director. "With her thoughtful leadership, she has built a caring library where staff and patrons come first. She has already guided us through a new strategic plan, implemented a large-scale author series, and more. Congratulations on your first anniversary, Nathalie!" (Courtesy photo)

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